

BULLETIN

of the

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY



"The Court of Flowers", a scene from the annual West Virginia Dahlia pageant, held in connection with the state show at Fairmont. The Dahlias in the background were grown by Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary, West Virginia Dahlia Society. *Story on page 23.*

(Entered as Second Class Matter, January 13, 1922, at the Post Office in New Haven under the act of March 8, 1879)

Issue of February, 1939 First Quarter

Issued Quarterly: February, May, August and November



— LANGELOTH —

RUSCHMOHR

Outstanding Introductions

LANGELOTH (Travis). This is a bi-color year! In the medium size flowering type we have a great Dahlia in *Lois Walcher*! In the large exhibition class, *Langeloth*, a very beautiful striking red and white with contrast sharply drawn—long cane like stems—rugged growing bushes. The only time these great Dahlias faced each other in competition, *Langeloth* won the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Gold Medal for best undisminated seedling at the New York Show.

Roots \$10.00 Plants \$3.50 3 for \$10.00

RITA WELLS (Straight-Wells). The largest introduction we have ever offered, topping *Sunrays*, *Rudolf's Giant*, *Boutillier*, and all our other big ones. A massive informal decorative to semi-cactus averaging 13 to 14 inches in diameter, with a depth of 7 to 8 inches. Makes a rugged bush growth of 5½ to 6 feet in height with long heavy stems. Color is grenadine pink on buff gold, an unusual color in such a large flower. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y., best semi-cactus seedling at Racine, Wisconsin, and a Certificate of Merit at the West Virginia Trial Grounds. A Dahlia, which we predict, will rival Murphy's Masterpiece and all the other big ones in the largest bloom classes.

Roots \$15.00 Plants \$5.00 3 for \$12.50

PINK PREAKNESS (formerly known as *Pink Lass*) (Preas). Collarette. Large rose pink with a white collar. Winner for the best collarette at New York and Rockville Centre Shows. With its companion variety, Preakness, has won many prizes in the arrangement classes. Collarettes are a coming type. Try it.

Roots \$5.00 Plants \$1.50 3 for \$4.00

GRAIN O' GOLD (Tooker). Pompon. A diminutive pom which comes from the all time prize winning pom, *Little Edith*. Color clear yellow. Winner for the best pompon seedling in the 1938 New York Show.

Roots \$5.00 Plants \$1.50 3 for \$4.00

CALIFORNIA'S FINEST DAHLIA SEED

—harvested from the leading exhibition type Dahlias. This is the seed we ship to growers who must have the best. Results count!

Price \$40.00 per 1,000 \$5.00 per 100 \$2.50 per 50 \$1.00 per 20

Send for your copy of our catalog listing important 1939 introductions, also leading prize winners previously introduced including the unbeaten **SUNRAYS** and **STRAIGHT'S WHITE**.

RUSCHMOHR DAHLIA GARDENS

38 VINCENT STREET

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L. I., N. Y.

Advertising Index

	Page
Allings' Dahlias	37
Ballego	45
Ballay Dahlia Gardens	42
Bedford Dahlia Gardens	34
Berwick Gardens	38
Bolsa Dahlia Gardens	32
Brazil Dahlia Farm	39
Boston Dahlia Gardens	34
Carlee, H., Ltd.	39
Clovena Gardens	44
Cuyahoga Dahlia Gardens	45
D and D Dahlias	42
Dahliadel Nurseries	47
DeRuyter Bros.	32
Dudley, L. B.	45
Frank's Dahlia Gardens	42
Franklin Gardens	46
Geneva Dahlia Gardens	46
Golden Rule Dahlia Farm	48
Goemans-Vissor	44
Hanna Dahlias Gardens	41
Johnson, Stanley	47
Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens	37
Kindilien, Winifred	33
Kunzmans Dahlias	45
Lakewood Gardens	44
Lakeside Dahlia Gardens	43
Land O' Lakes Gardens	46
Limestone Dahlia Gardens	31
Mastic Dahlias	39
Meuessdorffer, Alice	37
Mundy's Gardens	33
Nagels, F.	44
Nesler, William	41
Premier Dahlia Gardens	41
Preferred Dahlia-Glad Gardens	34
Queens Dahlia Gardens	32
Rockleigh Dahlia Gardens	46
Rocky River Dahlia Gardens	33
Rosemary Dahlia Gardens	33
Rototox Co., The	36
Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens	2
Robens, H. H.	37
Salem Dahlia Gardens	33
Social Register Dahlia Gardens	31
Sowton, Nicholas	31
Stephenson Dahlia Gardens	40
Sparks Dahlia Gardens	34
Spring Hill Dahlia Farm	31
Veirs, F. V. R. & Sons	44
Waaser, Gordon	38
Walcher, Ralph	35
Wilmore, W. W. Dahlia Farm	39
Zant's Wildwood Gardens	30

The A. D. S. BULLETIN

Contents for February, 1939

SERIES XIV, No. 87

C O N T E N T S

	Page
A New Year in A. D. S.	4
What's New in Dahlias for 1939	5
Dahlias in Europe	6-9
Trial Grounds Reports	11-17
Dahlias in England	18-19
A. D. S. Mid-Winter Dinner	20-21
Dahlia Personals	23
Editorials	24

Subscription Rates \$2.00 per year in advance. Please send all subscriptions and dues to the Secretary, C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn. Receipts will be promptly sent.

ADVERTISING RATES

Minimum space accepted, one inch

30 cents per agate line—Fourteen agate lines to the inch	
One Inch	\$ 4.00
Two Inch	7.50
Quarter page ...	12.00
Half Page	\$21.50
Page	40.00
Double Page ...	75.00

All advertising for the American Dahlia Society Bulletin is taken subject to editing. The Society reserves the right to strike out of any advertising copy such parts as it deems objectionable, from any cause whatever, and it also reserves the right to cancel any advertisement for the same reason.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON YEARLY CONTRACTS

If four consecutive advertisements are contracted for **in advance**, a discount of 10% is allowed, providing bills for space are honored when due.

Editor - - - - -	GORDON F. WAASER
269 South Grand Avenue, Baldwin, L. I., N. Y.	
Associate Editor	A. D. S. SECRETARY, C. LOUIS ALLING
251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.	
Associate Editor, "Personals" - - -	OLIVER SHURTLEFF
1264 Bryant Street, Fairmont, West Virginia	
Associate Editor - - - - -	GEORGENA HUMBLE
232 Ridge Road, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.	
Associate Editor - - - - -	GEORGE RICHARDSON
Mt. Washington, R. No. 8, Cincinnati, Ohio	
Chairman Editorial Board - - -	LYNN B. DUDLEY
18 Interlaken Drive, Tuckahoe, N. Y.	

A New Year in A. D. S.

by President Lynn B. Dudley

The year of 1939 promises to be a milestone year in the affairs of the American Dahlia Society.

We started off with a dinner, January 21st, at Hotel Shelton, which was well attended and received if the many letters commending it are an indication of its success.

You will read about the program elsewhere in this issue. But I want to take this opportunity to thank Chairman Dewey Mohr and all who so unselfishly contributed of their time to make our guests enjoy the occasion.

Our guest of honor and speaker Mr. Max Schling, gave us all a great deal of food for thought in his remarks about the usefulness of the Dahlia. No flower, however beautiful, can continue to attract friends unless it has a practical side. Certainly one reason for the popularity of Dahlias among florists is its adaptability to many types of arrangements, stated Mr. Schling.

Mr. Schling offered to make a demonstration and give a lecture following our Fall Show which would show definitely the many uses to which Dahlias can be put commercially. We are indeed fortunate that a man so busy, and so experienced offers to spend time to demonstrate this angle of Dahlias. An announcement will be made in the August BULLETIN of the time and place for this meeting.

Participating and Affiliated Societies

We are most encouraged over the fact that we now have eight Participating or Branch societies. The members from these Societies who now have a vote and voice in the affairs of the A. D. S. will number into the hundreds.

And that's what will make better understandings among societies. All who take part in a public project get more enjoyment and enthusiasm from it.

We have over 40 affiliated societies at present, some of which we hope will change in 1939 to the classification of Participating Societies. Perhaps in the past we have not been in close touch with these many societies whose aims are the same as our own. But we expect to contact them often in the future and to have a specific program of activities in their behalf.

To this end Mrs. Frieda Fisher of Trenton, New Jersey, Chairman of this activity, will keep in touch with both classifications of societies this year. If you in the Affiliated and Participating Societies want more coöperation and suggestions, please write Mrs. Fisher. All remittance and membership matters, however, should be sent Secretary Alling as in the past.

World's Fair Year

At this writing it looks as if it would be impossible to give our 1939 exhibition on the World's Fair Grounds. Hortus, Inc., with the horticultural concession do not have sufficient room in their building for an A. D. S. show.

But it is likely that we will coöperate with this organization in the exhibiting of Dahlias in several classes during the fall season at the Fair. Announcements regarding this will be made later.

As it looks now we will hold a show in a hotel ball room in New York. The dates have been tentatively set for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26th and 27th. Place will be announced in next BULLETIN.

Because of visitors in New York for the fair, and we hear that many are planning to come who have never attended one of our shows—we expect to have a large attendance this fall.

Committees

All the committees which served last year will be continued. There will be additions to the standing committees in some instances. And certain activities will probably require new committees. These changes and additions will be announced in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

Quarantines and Pest Control

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has been most coöperative and we hope that the activities which are under way at present to make Dahlia growing less hazardous, will be continued.

The work of Dr. C. H. Batchelder of New Haven, Connecticut, has been of utmost assistance to all Dahlia growers, and those in the east particularly. Most of you have read of his controls to reduce the ravages of corn borers. We surely appreciate, as a society, this vital aid to our branch of horticulture, and thank the Department of Plant Quarantines, under Dr. Lee A. Strong, for this project.

Trial and Test Grounds

We have the good fortune to have the coöperation of testing of new varieties at Storrs, Connecticut, East Lansing, Michigan, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The actual work of culture and testing in a trial ground is endless. And at each garden there is one man under whose direction this work must come. These men, like Professor Patch, Professor Wildon and Mr. Moffett give their time freely and render great service to Dahlia growers everywhere. The A. D. S. wishes again to say their coöperation is most sincerely appreciated.

E. E. Tooker has again consented to supervise the Test Garden at Storrs. Here growers can see just what their favorites will do under carefully directed fertilization for specimen blooms. This phase of A. D. S. Testing is new, but already has helped hundreds of growers to take more prizes at shows. The society is indeed indebted to Mr. Tooker for his unselfish work on this project.

We hope our members will send some of their big ones to the Test Garden as well as the regular Trial

(Continued on page 26)

What's New in Dahlias for 1939

Honor Roll-Futurity Selections Have Evinced Much Interest

Praise or criticize them, we must all agree that a great deal of time and thought has been given in choosing the "wheat from the chaff." And so a cheer for J. W. Johnston writing the Dahlia Futurity in the December issue of *House Beautiful* in his inimitable style and the co-contributors to the Dahlia Honor Roll in *Flower Grower*—Lynn B. Dudley, President of the A. D. S., reporting for the East; J. Louis Roberts covering the Mid West and Richard T. Eddy selecting the best in California.

While these selections are not entirely fool proof, Mr. Johnston points out that our other barometers—Trial Grounds and seedling classes are also not absolutely infallible.

The stories are noteworthy contributions to the advancement of the Dahlia and definitely help most of us in preparing our "must" list.

Mr. Dudley selects: *Lois Walcher*, *Langeloth*, *Rita Wells*, *Everybody's Favorite*, *Model 999*, *New York World's Fair*, *Marbie Parrella*, *Thelma Cain*, *Radiant Beauty*, *Red Pilot*, *Yellow Supreme*; also the foreign introductions *Bim Bam*, *Podpbukovnek Leg*, *K. Vasatkoo* and *Kenikage*. SMALL VARIETIES: *Grain o' Gold*, *Royalette* and *Pink Lass*.

By mistake a deletion occurred in his memoranda during the preparation of his story. The cactus *Marietta E* and pompon *Betty Malone* introductions of *Dabliadel Nurseries* were unintentionally omitted in the published story, although these varieties were selected by Mr. Dudley for his Honor Roll.

Mr. Roberts lists: *Jessie E. Cowles*, *Premier's Winsome*, *Everybody's Favorite*, *Emessee*, *Hillside Sunset*, *Burch Foraker*, *Model 999*, as the best exhibition varieties. Garden varieties "for their beauty" include *Lois Walcher*, *Louisiana Rumba*, *Cracker Jack*, *Paul Bunyan's Charm*, *Pink Grand*, *Wagschal's Phanomen*, *Blue Water*, *Your Lucky Star*, *Apple Blossom* and *Miss Ionia*. Miniature: *Baby Snooks*.

Mr. Eddy's compilation includes *Claire Mortimer*, *Gertrude Lawrence*, *San Francisco*, *El Rubio*, *Mayor Frank Otis*, *Golden Beauty*, *Polaris*, *Miss Santa Monica*, *Baby Snooks*, *Baby Rose*, *Symphonia*.

Mr. Johnston chooses: Exhibition Dahlias: *Jean Johnston*, *San Francisco*, *Mayor Frank Otis*, *Everybody's Favorite*, *Glamour*, *Virginia Shipley*, *Rita Wells*, *Aurora*, *Model 999*, *Your Lucky Star*, *Roulette*, *Dai Wong*, *Hillside Sunset*, *Bim Bam*, *Vinwell Empress*, *Cracker Jack*. Garden varieties: *Lois Walcher*, *Marietta E.*, *Miss Santa Monica*, *Hillside Gold*, *Red Letter Day*, *Apple Blossom*, *Ohio Rose*, *Margie Parrella*. Poms, miniatures, singles and collarettes: *Julia S.*, *Baby Snooks*, *Dianne*, *Roseann*, *Cynthia*, *Betty Malone*, *Little Prince*, *Snow White*, *Thrill*, *Doc*, *Dabliadel Wonder*, *Pink Preakness* (formerly called *Pink Lass*). Foreign exhibition: *Mrs. B. Amber*, *Mrs. Sowton*, *The Bride*, *Nagel's Giant*, *Kenikage*, *Sir*



MARIETTA E.—Winner at New York, Camden, and Pennsylvania Horticultural Show. Clear Yellow Cactus. Dabliadel Introduction.

Arthur, *Don Sowton*. Foreign miniatures and poms: *Petit Sonne*, *Little Darling*, *Reginald*.

Descriptions of most of the varieties on the four lists may be found in the advertisements of the introducers in the November BULLETIN and the current issue, and of course complete information is contained in December *Flower Grower* and January *House Beautiful* which every A. D. S. member should have.

• • •

When Green Plants Are Received

from the grower, remove from the boxes promptly and carefully. Water at once and allow the plants to rest in a sheltered place for a day. This protection from sun and wind gives the plants a sort of "breather."

When they are set out in the open ground they will keep right on growing. Of course you will procure your plants from a reputable grower only. A BAR-GAIN is fine merchandise purchased at a fair price!

Report on the 1938 Dahlia Season in Europe

By H. Carlee



VONDEL—S. C. Deep Orange with violet glow. Very suitable for cutting because of its lively color and fine form.

Last year's circumstances taught us the meaning of the word "crisis" very well, and also that we have to try to adapt ourselves, under all circumstances, to those situations in which we are placed.

On September 28th last I put aside my notes, however, as I lacked the energy to continue working among such sorrowful circumstances.

Fortunately a beam of light seems to appear on the horizon, which makes us look into the future with more confidence and which justifies the hope that also during our life, a world of peace and rest will arise from this terrible chaos, and that we may work on that which is our great desire and wish.

This Dahlia season has been one with many adversities. Very early, when planting our young plants, we had to struggle with heavy storms, through which many cultivations suffered considerable losses. It still recovered very much, but yet I believe that a great many plants started growing too late, to make still a due well tenable tuber. The further stage of growth was also rather irregular, and on the whole no doubt two weeks later than other years.

The end of August brought us heavy thunder showers with enormous rains and wind and hail.

Personally I was very unfortunate, as on August 9th, about 10 hour in the evening a heavy ice shower destroyed the whole exhibition cultivation. From the large

plants, which were flowering already, there was nothing left but a small damaged plant.

Therefore it may be called a wonder that they recovered so much that many of them still flowered at the end of September. So it was possible to judge the hundreds of novelties somewhat.

Fortunately this disaster was limited to a single nursery, so that we could study the quality of the various novelties in the trial garden of the Dutch Dahlia Society, and on the different examinations.

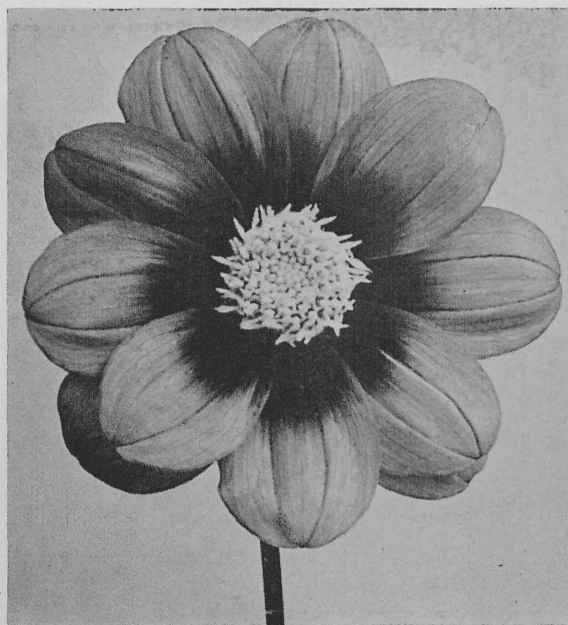
Generally some valuable novelties were shown again, and I believe there will be among them which will get a place in the large assortment.

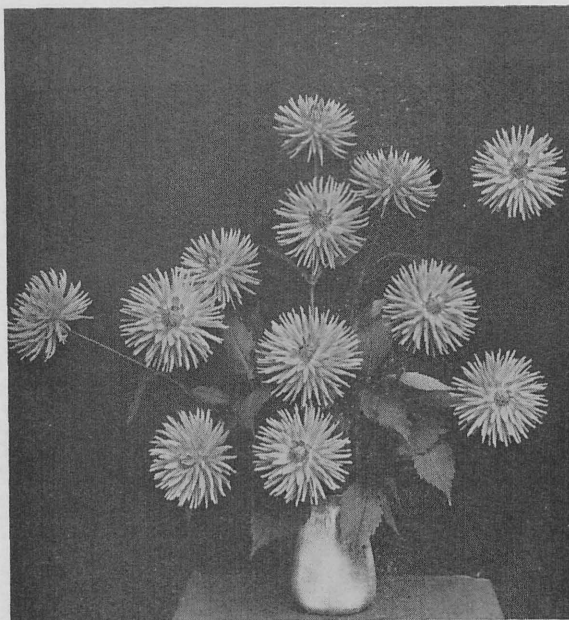
I have composed this report in a more real way. Of each variety, which was important in my opinion, I made a review of its qualities and particularities. Possibly it will be easy for you to make your judgment about those novelties.

Some changes have been introduced in the system of judgment, which satisfied this first year.

When judging in the trial garden the stipulations have been made that the majority decides. If a variety has got e. g. the necessary number of points for the award, but the majority is below the minimum which is necessary for gaining this award, it is not adjudged. This is also the case otherwise. If not the sufficient number of points has been obtained but the majority is above the

MIA KARSTEN—Carmine Purple, deep purple toward center. Very large exhibition flower.





LITTLE DIAMOND—S. C. Purple-pink, yellow towards the middle of petals. A fine small flowering Dahlia.

minimum. So it is not necessary that I mention the average of points.

Also with the judgment for the Cup that alteration has been introduced, that no points are given any more, but that every arbiter brings out his written vote for that variety which is the best in his opinion. That variety which has *majority and one* is the happy winner. This system also satisfied very well, but some years practice are necessary to judge whether this change is an improvement indeed.

From this information you will see that we do everything in our power to get an exact judgment.

When looking at our report of 1937, we see varieties which satisfied very well in different places and in several countries. Favourable information are to mention about: *Helly Boudewijn*, *Modern Times*, *Andries Superba*, *The Bishop*, *Scarlet Wonder*, *Rosary*, *Dr. Verhage*, *Koongarra Beauty*, *Nagel's Bijou*, *Clara Carder*, *Gladiator*, *Herlinde*, *Murillo*, *Richard Crooks*, *Liberty*, *Mon-dain*, *Mia Karsten*, *Julius C. Bunge*, *Adolf Mayer*, *Beauté*, *Avartes Champion*, *Monsieur P. Lunden*, *Margrace*, *Pius I*, *Symphonia*, *Bolide*, *Royal Penant*, *Andries Oranje As*, *Mother Maytrott*.

On the contrary some last year's prize-winners did not make a very good impression. Perhaps if the weather circumstances are better next year their results will be more favourable.

Mascotte flowered rather late, grew very high and made many leaves.

Enkart Prima also made many leaves and moreover the side buds outgrew the first one, so that the aspect which arose was not very imposing. The latter was especially a very fine cut flower, and therefore it is not impossible

that after cultivating them some years, they will answer our expectations better.

The novelties mentioned belong to those which have much merit owing to one or more good qualities.

The judgment of stems has been based on strength and thickness.

For free flowering the type of the flowers has been kept into account, as the large flowering types give quite another effect than the small flowering ones.

The sizes of flowers have all been taken from those, cultivated on disbudded varieties only.

The length of the stems is of normal cultivated, and also disbudded plants.

Next season I hope to refer to those novelties which were very striking this year already, such as:

Pink Giant, a beautiful pink variety.

Chamberlain, robust growth and particular salmon-pink colour with a violet glow.

Grand, fine shaped red cactus.

Zeehan, a cerise Dahlia with a fine shape.

Sonnet, salmon coloured cactus.

Paula Deetjen, also a dark salmon coloured variety with long strong stems.

Fortunately on finishing this report a somewhat more favourable perspective for future has been opened, and I hope with all my heart that a great many good ideas and wishes may be fulfilled, so that the world-trade will experience their good consequences.

Many incredible things can still be reached in our beautiful line and men's ages there can still be worked at the improvement of our plants.

I wish you all a successful season and "a till 1939."

BIM BAM—S. C. Deep Yellow with bronze glow. Ten inch flowers. Exhibition type.



REPORT

Name:	Scarlet Leader	Dominant	Astarte	TIP	Spirit
Breed:	Hybrid Cactus	Cactus	Decorative	Hybrid Cactus	Decorative
Flower Size:	8 inches	8 inches	7 inches	5 inches	4 inches
Color:	Corn-poppy-red	Lilac-pink with silver glow	Garnet-red	Pure sulphur yellow	Scarlet red, pointed white
Stem Length & Quality:	40 inches, rather well	3 feet, somewhat bent at the end	3 feet, right	2 feet, right	2 feet, right
Length above 1st Leaf:	8 inches	8 inches	8 inches	6 inches	5 inches
Attitude of Flowers:	Right, aside	Right, aside	Right	Right, aside	Right, rather straight on the stem
Leaves:	Right, light green	Large, light green	Medium sized, light green	Medium sized, light green	Small, dark green
Plant Height:	5 feet	5½ feet	5 feet	3½ feet	3½ feet
Free-flowering:	Right	Right	Right	Very well	Right
Suitable—Cut Flower:	Yes	Rather	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exhibition:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Garden Decoration:	Yes	Rather	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crownings:	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class Challenge Cup	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class	Certificate Trial Garden Award of Merit	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class	Certificate Trial Garden Award of Merit
General Impression:	Excellent variety with striking lively color and which is consequently very suitable as a garden plant. The stems are long and strong but they often nod close to the flower	A variety striking by its fine flower shape. As the stems are long, the difficulty they are bent a little is not such a serious fault	Owing to its lively color this variety will also be to the taste of the public. Moreover it is very suitable for cut-flower and garden decoration	As a small flowering variety it has much value owing to its great free flowering and clear color	As most flowers keep the pretty blending of colors and by its low growth and free flowering it is very striking, this variety will keep a place on the large list

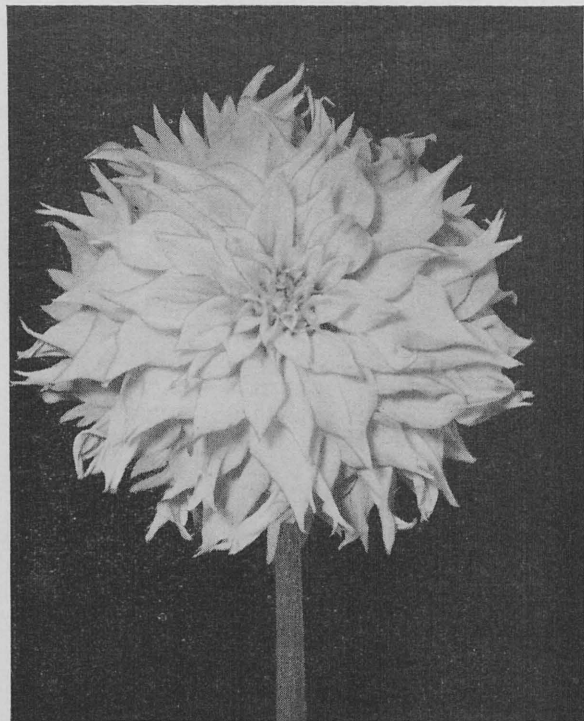
Name:	Little Diamond	Golden Drop	Peer Gynt	Vondel	Furore
Breed:	Hybrid Cactus	Decorative, small flowering	Hybrid Cactus	Hybrid Cactus	Decorative
Flower Size:	6 inches	4 inches	8 inches	6 inches	8 inches
Color:	Purple-pink, sulphur-yellow towards the middle of petals	Saffron-yellow, tinted bronze	Lively red	Deep orange with violet glow	Vermillion red
Stem Length & Quality:	2½ feet, strong	2 feet, strong	3½ feet, very well	3 feet, right	3 feet, strong
Length above 1st Leaf:	6 inches	5 inches	8 inches	8 inches	12 inches
Attitude of Flowers:	Very well, aside	Somewhat straight on the stem	Right, somewhat straight	Right, aside	Very well aside
Leaves:	Small, light green	In right proportion to plant, dark green	Right, light green	Medium sized, light green	Heavy, dark green
Plant Height:	3½ feet	3½ feet	5½ feet	5½ feet	5½ feet
Free-flowering:	Very well	Right	Right	Right	Right
Suitable—Cut Flower:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exhibition:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Garden Decoration:	Yes	Not very striking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crownings:	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class	Certificate Trial Garden Certificate First Class
General Impression:	One of the finest small flowering Dahlias which was highly praised by everybody and which is suitable for all purposes. The whole growth of the plant is very well	A pretty variety among the small flowering types, which will especially find valuation as a cut flower	This variety belongs to one of the best red varieties, by its fine growth, good shape, lively color and strong stems	Very fine variety which is very suitable for cut flower by its lively color, well shaped and medium sized flowers	A variety which makes much effect by its strong growth, good color and long stems. The flowers are pure decorative but somewhat flat

REPORT

Name:	Golden Triumphator	Nieuw Amsterdam	Purperslak	Mia Karsten	Bim-Bam
Breed:	Decorative	Hybrid Cactus	Decorative	Simplex	Hybrid Cactus
Flower Size:	8 inches	8½ inches	6½ inches	4½ inches	0 inches
Color:	Lemon-chromatic-yellow	Cerise-pink, light stripes	Velvet purple	Carmine purple, deep purple towards center	Deep yellow with bronze glow
Stem Length & Quality:	3 feet, strong	2½ feet, right	2½ feet, right	2½ feet, right	2 feet, right
Length above 1st Leaf:	8 inches	2½ inches	8 inches	10 inches	2 inches
Attitude of Flowers:	Very well, aside	Right, aside	Right, aside	Right, aside	Right, aside
Leaves:	Large, dark green	Medium sized, middle green	Medium sized, dark green	Medium sized, dark green	Small, middle green
Plant Height:	5½ feet	5 feet	5 feet	3½ feet	3½ feet
Free-flowering:	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right
Suitable—Cut Flower:	No	Less suitable	Yes	Yes	No
Exhibition:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Garden Decoration:	Yes	Yes	Less suitable	Yes	Yes
Crownings:	Certificate Trial Garden	Not yet brought at the examination	Not yet brought at the examination	Certificate Trial Garden	Not yet brought at the examination
General Impression:	Certificate First Class Very imposing by its robust growth and lively deep yellow color. Sometimes the shape is a little irregular	Beautiful shape and large tenable flowers which are of much value for garden decoration and exhibition	By its nice exact growth and free flowering, this is a very striking variety. As for garden decoration its color is somewhat too dark, I thought it less suitable for that purpose	As a single Dahlia this variety is extraordinarily fine. The shape is right, the color lively and very striking	Growth low. The small leaves come close to the flower, but they are lost behind the robust, beautiful shaped flower, through which the effect as exhibition flower and garden decoration is extraordinarily large

Name:	Richard Klimpt	Carpe Diem	Consul Generaal Quist	Big Four	Punctueel
Breed:	Decorative	Decorative	Hybrid Cactus	Decorative	Hybrid Cactus
Flower Size:	8¾ inches	8¾ inches	8¾ inches	10 inches	7 inches
Color:	Bright red	Saffron-yellow with apricot glow	Soft pink, light center	Light cream with a pink glow	Sulphur-yellow
Stem Length & Quality:	2½ feet, right	3 feet, right	2 feet, right	4 feet, right	3 feet, right
Length above 1st Leaf:	8 inches	10 inches	7 inches	10 inches	10 inches
Attitude of Flowers:	Right, aside	Right, aside	Right, somewhat straight	Right, aside	Right, aside
Leaves:	Robust, dark green	Robust, dark green	Robust, dark green	Robust, light green	Medium sized, light green
Plant Height:	5 feet	5 feet	5 feet	6 feet	5½ feet
Free-flowering:	Right	Right	Right	Right	Right
Suitable—Cut Flower:	Less suitable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Exhibition:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Garden Decoration:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crownings:	Certificate Trial Garden	Certificate Trial Garden	Award of Merit	Not yet brought at the examination	Certificate Trial Garden
General Impression:	Award of Merit Shape somewhat flat, but by its large flowers and strong growth it deserves recommendation for exhibition and garden decoration	Certificate First Class Very striking variety with many good qualities, and especially excelling by good state, growth and color	Growth somewhat compact but the beautiful shape of the flowers and the soft pink color are the main points. It deserves a place among the extra fine varieties	This variety is a beautiful sample for exhibition purposes. The long, strong stems with the enormous large, regular shaped flowers, assure a prize in the decorative class	Certificate First Class Growth, free flowering, shape and state of flowers excel by first class qualities

NOTES AND GLEANINGS FROM THE 1938 MIDWEST SHOW



EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE—I. D. Huge bloom, rose pink; won Derrill W. Hart Gold Medal for Best Undisseminated Dahlia at Midwest Show. Introduction of Salem Dahlia Gardens.

The report of the 1938 Mid West Dahlia Show, held at Detroit, Michigan, September 24th-25th, was of necessity somewhat concise and lacking in detail, due to space required in the November BULLETIN, for the numerous Shows held throughout the country. With most of the Shows reported, it seems fitting that more of the details surrounding this fine Show should be mentioned.

The commercial growers really turned out in wonderful fashion for this Show, and we must comment particularly on the commercial displays coming 100 miles or more, to this Show, of which there were three exhibitors. Our old friend and contemporary, Harley Peck of Golden Rule Farm, Lebanon, Ohio, and Harley Jr., won the blue ribbon in this class, with a very wonderful display. Harley was showing his *Queen City*, *Buckeye Queen*, *Cometeer*, and many others to great advantage, and his display attracted the attention of all the Show visitors. Harley's junior partner, and namesake, Harley, Junior, was right on the job, and here is one concern that will not be going out of business when Harley Senior decides to retire. This man knows Dahlias, likes Dahlias, and is one of our real comers in this Dahlia game.

Second place in this display went to Baker Dahlia Gardens, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Both Mr. and Mrs.

Baker are real Dahlia fans, and drove all night to get to Detroit early in the morning, and staged one of the finest exhibits ever seen. Their display of foreign varieties, particularly the newer cactus types from Europe, Japan, Australia, as well as many new varieties originated in this country caused quite a stir during the Show. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker were kept busy explaining the newer varieties, and talking to Dahlia fans, throughout the entire Show. The Bakers are fine folks, and we were mighty glad to have them with us.

Third place in this class went to Springhill Farm, A. T. Edison, Grand Rapids, Michigan, who staged a really wonderful display. His showing of his own origination *Jack Benny*, was especially fine, and all in all, the three displays were very outstanding. Mr. Edison is to be congratulated for the large number of flowers which he showed, and all in very excellent condition, many of which would have placed well in the open classes. He is one of our better commercial growers and a fine gentleman.

In the artistic display class, Albert Hendricks, Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan, was in a class by himself. Showing his 1939 origination, *Paul Bunyan's Charm* (big as a barn), on a beautiful revolving turntable, and with his whole display very artistically arranged it created a real sensation. His display contained some wonderful blooms of his 1938 introductions, namely *Mrs. C. E. Wildon* and *Mrs. William Knudsen*, as well as a multitude of many other varieties, all very well grown, and beautifully displayed.

In the small bloom displays, Miss Caroline Loop, Loop Gardens, Adrian, Michigan, won the blue ribbon on a very unusual display. With an easel shaped background, on which greens had been woven, she developed a beautiful and unique display, which made the visitors all stop and take notice. Showing a large basket of her new pompon, *Charon Hall*, and named in honor of a very beautiful little Adrian girl, in the center of her exhibit, it was truly quite a masterpiece.

The Vice-President of the Michigan Society, John W. L. Hicks, won best display in the amateur section, with a wonderful lot of well grown bloom. John is one of our newer fans, and he has learned a lot in the few years he has been growing them.

For the best display of 1937-1938 originations, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks, Columbus, Indiana, won the blue ribbon. Most every Dahlia fan knows the "Sparks." They are the spark-plugs of the Indiana Society, and their presence at any Dahlia Show, makes it a success. They really know how to grow them, and how to show them, and for growers who do not have fields of bloom to select from, they make the greatest number of Shows, and carry off more blue ribbons than any person or persons we know of. Their exhibit was one of the finest in the Show.

The Blue Water Chapter of the Michigan Society, located on the St. Clair River, with Port Huron as head-

(Continued on page 22)

Trial Grounds Reports

STORRS, CONNECTICUT

As reported in our last issue, for the first time we are obliged to omit Prof. Patch's report due to the ravages of the September hurricane. Storrs looks forward to a good season for 1939 and seeks the continued coöperation of our growers.

THE MID WEST TRIAL GARDENS Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan

By Associate Professor C. E. Wildon,
Superintendent

The season of 1938 was in general rather favorable to Dahlia culture here in Michigan. At no time could it be said that the weather was excessively hot or dry. Rains were well scattered through the season.

An application of Bordeaux mixture in the early part of the season unfortunately caused a little burning of some of the plants, mostly these in the variety garden.

It was found almost impossible for the judges to work in groups of threes. Victor Steckle of Lansing visited the gardens several times a week during the season, more especially late in the season and scored every variety. Barton Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan made three trips to judge the Dahlias and scored most of the varieties. J. Louis Roberts of Chicago spent several days here on two different occasions and scored nearly all the varieties. O. W. Slocum of Ionia, and Otto Hoepfner of Dewitt, scored a large number of the varieties, visiting the gardens a number of times. A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, F. C. Wolfe of Athens, Clyde Lawrence, Royal Oak, and Maxwell Reynolds, Rochester, each made two trips and managed to score most of the varieties. Other judges who aided in the scoring were George Burkhardt, Port Huron, and G. Nutt, Port Huron.

We were disappointed that no judges from Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin or Ontario were able to do any scoring.

All in all, the judging was the best the gardens has had. The judges all worked hard and conscientiously and the result was greater agreement in the scores and the closest scoring achieved here up to now. The judges each year have tended to become more discriminating and a little more severe each year. A noticeable improvement in the judge work was the filling in of the spaces on the score sheet for type and remarks. This has materially aided the supervisor in the final tabulation of data.

We are looking forward to twice as many entries in 1939 and have the room and facilities to take care of them. The new drainage system that we put in has

worked perfectly and the many beautiful flower gardens surrounding the Trial Dahlia Gardens make this a beautiful spot every year. We are always glad to have the Dahlia folks visit the gardens.

Evan L. Roberts of Chicago, graduate student in floriculture, had charge of details of planting, staking, spraying, pruning, etc., and did a fine job of it.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

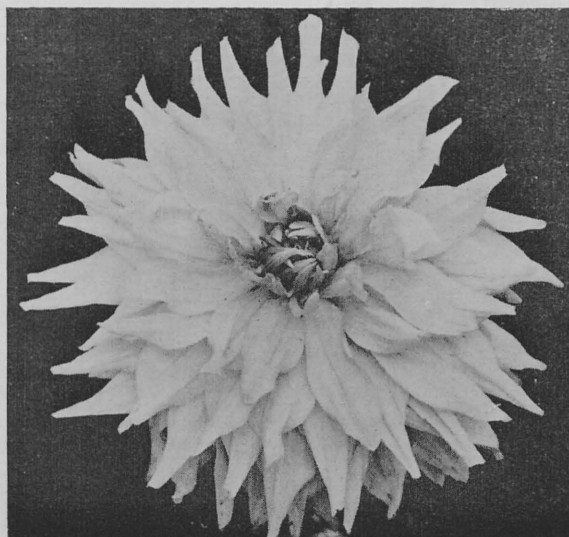
Stake No. 14. **LAURA PARKER RICH.** Semi-cactus. Score 85 E. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota. Basic color light greenish-yellow, showing at base of floret lightly overcast mallow-pink. General color appearance amaranth pink. Flowering habit productive. Date of first bloom June 13th. Stem $3\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in.; strong, straight, green; flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth branching, erect. Diameter of flowers 4-8½ in., depth 2-4 in. Substance of flowers good. Height of plants 2-3½ ft. Spread 2-2½ ft. Requires disbudding.

Stake No. 27. **SUNSET NEEDLES.** Cactus. Score 85 C. Entered by Mrs. Robert M. Selkirk, Leamington, Ontario, Canada. Basic color lemon-yellow, outside florets becoming lightly flushed strawberry pink. Flowering habit very prolific. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 5-8½ in., straight to crooked, thin wiry; flowers facing to half-facing. Habit of growth erect, branching, dense. Diameter of flowers 5½-8½ in., depth 1½-4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants to 5 ft. Spread 3-4½ ft.

Stake No. 30. **HAPPY.** Miniature Formal Decorative. Score 85 C. Entered by Sunrise Dahlia Garden, Elsie & Mary Williams, Route 4, Connersville, Indiana. Basic color light greenish-yellow, lightly tinted light mallow purple. Flowering habit prolific. First bloom July 27th. Stem 4½-6½ in. Can be cut much longer. Stiff, straight, strong; flowers erect. Habit of growth dense, branching. Diameter of flowers 2½-3½ in.,

(Continued on following page)

PINK GRAND—I. D. Deep Rose Pink. Large exhibition Dahlia to be released by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm.





PREMIER'S WINSOME—I. D. Bright Pink Decorative scored for Premier Dahlia Gardens.

Cont. from p. 11

depth $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance of flowers excellent. Height of plants 2- $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Excellent cut flower.

Stake No. 34. **SNOW WHITE**. Formal Decorative. Score 85.1 C, 85 E. Entered by M. Markland, Speedway Dahlia Gardens, 1259 No. Mount Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Color almost white. Flowering habit fair to good. First bloom Sept. 7th. Stem 7-10 in., slightly curved, strong. Habit of growth dense, branches erect to ascending erect. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $2\frac{3}{4}$ -4 in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4- $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft. An excellent white Dahlia.

Stake No. 36. **GOLDEN RADIANCE**. Formal Decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Harry E. Cain, 804 Pittsburg Avenue, Fairmont, W. Virginia. Seed parent Mrs. Ida De Ver Warner. Color, basic color light greenish-yellow, overcast lightly with mallow pink, more so on reverse. General color appearance medium autumn. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 26th. Stem 7- $11\frac{1}{4}$ in., thick, dark, bowed. Habit of growth branching, erect, foliage coarse, thick, leathery. Diameter of flowers 6-10 in., depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in. Substance fair to good. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2- $2\frac{3}{4}$ ft. Not so good late in season.

Stake No. 41. **PREMIER'S WINSOME**. Formal Decorative. Score 85.2 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 63 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J. Basic color almost white, suffused with mallow pink, blanching slightly on outer parts of florets. Flowering habit good. First bloom Aug. 23rd. Stem 3-9 in., dark, stiff, medium thick, straight to somewhat curved; flowers facing to almost erect. Foliage thick, leathery. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{4}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants $4\frac{1}{2}$ -6 ft. Spread 3 ft. Very fine exhibition flower.

Stake No. 42. **PREMIER'S MAJESTIC**. Semi-cactus. Score 85 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 63 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J. Seed parent Jersey's Majestic. Basic color sulfur yellow to darker, lightly suffused pale amaranth pink. General color appearance autumn. Flowering habit fair to good. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem $6\frac{1}{2}$ -11 in., dark, stiff; flowers facing. Habit of growth somewhat branching, branches ascending erect to erect. Diameter of flowers 7-11 in., depth $3\frac{3}{4}$ - $5\frac{3}{4}$ in. Substance good. Height of plants 4 ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Very fine exhibition flower.

Stake No. 43. **PINK GRAND**. Informal Decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Harley T. Peck, Golden Rule Dahlia Garden, Lebanon, Ohio. Basic color pale greenish-yellow showing at base, but blanching completely and entirely overcast light mallow purple. Flowering habit fair to good. First bloom Aug. 3rd. Stem $6\frac{1}{4}$ - $11\frac{1}{4}$ in., straight to curved, flowers part facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in., depth $2\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in. Substance good. Height of plants 3-4 ft. Spread 2- $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Stake No. 44. **BEGONIA ROSE**. Formal Decorative. Score 85 C. Entered by Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio. Seed parent "Honor Bright." Basic color sulfur yellow, completely overcast Tyrian pink, blanching. Flowering habit good to very good. Date of first bloom July 10th. Stem $9\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., strong, dark, stiff, thick; flowers erect. Habit of growth erect, branching. Foliage thick, leathery, large. Diameter of flowers $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth 2- $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4 ft. Spread 2- $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Excellent commercial flower with long stems.

Stake No. 52. **MISS CLIO**. Formal Decorative. Score 85 C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Albert Hendricks, Route 2, Clio, Michigan. Basic color pale greenish-yellow lightly suffused amaranth pink, blanching. Flowering habit very good. First bloom July 27th. Stem $4\frac{3}{4}$ -8 in., strong, stiff, straight; flowers erect. Habit of growth erect branching, thick leathery foliage. Diameter of flowers 4- $6\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4- $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Stake No. 55. **SEEDLING 113**. Informal Decorative. Score 86 E. Entered by Hillside Farm, Walter Bissell, Austintown, Ohio. Seed parent "Thomas Edison." Color aster purple, base of floret dragon's blood red. Flowering habit very good. First bloom Aug. 20th. Stem $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., stiff, strong, straight, dark; flowers facing to three-quarter facing. Habit of growth dense, branching, branches widely spreading or ascending, stalks thick, foliage thick, leathery, large. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in., depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4-5 ft. Spread 3-5 ft.

Stake No. 58. **LITTLE BILLY**. Miniature Formal Decorative. Score 85.2 C. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, L. L. Wallace, Prop., Mayville, N. Y. Color greenish yellow lightly tinted amaranth pink, yellow showing through center at base of floret. General color autumn with yellow high lights. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 12th. Stem 5-7 in., stiff, erect; flowers $\frac{3}{4}$ to side facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers 3-4 in., depth 1- $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Fine cut flowers and very prolific.

Stake No. 65. **DOC**. Single, bicolor. Score 85 S. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Originator Dr. Frank Moore, Woodlynne, N. J. Color white with marginal band greenish-yellow. A slight suffusion toward base of petal of pale amaranth pink occasionally. Flowering habit excellent, abundant. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{3}{4}$ in., stiff, erect; flowers $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ facing. Habit of growth bushy, dense, dwarf, branching. Diameter of flowers $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$ in., depth $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 in. Substance good. Height of plants 3 ft. Spread 3 ft.

Stake No. 67. **DIANNE**. Miniature cactus. Score 85.2 S. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Color greenish-yellow blanching and becoming suffused with light mallow purple. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 2- $5\frac{1}{4}$ in., wiry, stiff; flowers erect to side facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers 3- $4\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in. Substance good. Height of plants 3 ft. Spread 2-3 ft.

Stake No. 69. **LEAH PEARL**. Ball. Score 86.1 C. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Parentage "Josephine G." Color greenish-yellow blanching, lightly tinted light mallow purple. Two color effect. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 6th. Stem 9 in., stiff; flowers side facing. Habit of growth bushy, erect, ascending. Diameter of flowers 3-5 in., depth 3 in. Substance good. Height of plants $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 3 ft.

Stake No. 71. **JOSEPH E. MITCHELL**. Informal Decorative. Score 85 E. Entered by Mrs. Helen Mitchell, R. F. D. 1, Wanatah, Indiana. General color appearance light autumn. Technical color description

greenish yellow lightly tinted amaranth pink. Flowering habit abundant. First bloom Aug. 15th. Stem $4\frac{1}{2}$ -6 in., dark, thick, stiff, strong, slightly curved; flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth vigorous, bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers 7-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth of flowers 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. An excellent Dahlia.

Stake No. 86. **ROYALTY**. Informal Decorative to Semi-Cactus. Score 85.7 E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Parent "Girl of Hillcrest." Color, basic color sulfur yellow entirely suffused mallow purple, bleaching on older florets. General color appearance rose-red greyed. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 25th. Stem 8-14 in., strong, stiff, somewhat curved; flowers facing. Habit of growth tall, erect, somewhat branching. Diameter of flowers 6-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth 3-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants 5 ft. Spread 3-4 ft.

Stake No. 88. **MAY MARION DOZIER**. Informal Decorative to Semi-Cactus. Score 85.9 E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Seed parent "Buckeye Bride." Color light greenish-yellow to pale greenish-yellow, reverse sulfur yellow. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 29th. Stem 6-11 in., green, strong, thick, straight or curved; flowers mostly erect or partly facing. Habit of growth branching erect. Diameter of flowers 8-12 in., depth 4-7 in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4-5 ft. Spread 3 ft. Beautiful yellow exhibition.

Stake No. 93. **BURCH FORAKER**. Informal Decorative. Score 86 E. Entered by O. W. Slocum, 8 Wagar Place, Ionia, Michigan. Seed parent "Son of Satan." Color sulfur yellow overcast scarlet. General color effect scarlet. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom July 13th. Stem 8-9 in., strong, stiff, straight, dark. Flower erect to facing. Habit of growth erect, branching from base. Dense, tall. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 8-13 in., depth 3-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants 6 ft. Spread 3-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Early bloomer, beautiful scarlet color.

Stake No. 95. **MISS IONIA**. Incurved Cactus. Score 85 C. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan. Seed parent "Son of Satan." Color pale greenish-yellow to lighter, overcast rhodamine purple, bleaching to light mallow purple. General color effect watermelon pink. Flowering habit very productive. Date of first bloom Aug. 5th. Stem 6-11 in., thick, medium, strong, stiff, flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth erect, branching, some basal branches almost vine-like. Diameter of flowers 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 in., depth 2-4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 ft.

Stake No. 107. **LITTLE SNOW WHITE**. Pompon. Score 85 S. Entered by Locust Valley Dahlia Farm, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. Parentage "Joe Fette." Color almost white. Flowering habit very productive. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., straight to sometimes curved, strong, wiry. Flowers almost erect. Habit of growth dense, bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., depth 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants 2-3 ft. Spread 2-3 ft. This is exceptionally good late and is very productive.

Stake No. 112. **MRS. R. R. McCORMICK**. Informal Decorative to Semi-Cactus. Score 86.1 E. Entered by John Wallner, West Chicago, Illinois. Parentage "Jane Cowl." Color greenish-yellow to pale greenish-yellow, bleaching somewhat, with very delicate tinting mallow pink. General color effect yellow with delicate pink flush. Flowering habit excellent. Date of first bloom Aug. 25th. Stem 10-14 in., strong, straight to curved, flower facing to part facing. Habit of growth vigorous, branching from base. Diameter of flowers 7-9 in., depth 2-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance good. Height of plants 3-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Very fine exhibition and very floriferous.

Stake No. 125. **LK 175**. Cactus to Semi-Cactus. Score 85.6 C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, Nick Koenig & Sons, New Baltimore, Michigan. Color sulfur yellow overcast carmine. General color effect scarlet red to spectrum red. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom September 5th. Stem 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 in., straight, stiff, long, dark, flower facing. Habit of growth branching, bushy. Diameter of flowers 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Very good commercial cut flower.

VARIETIES SCORING 80 TO 85 POINTS

Stake No. 1. **CORAL BEAUTY**. Miniature Formal Decorative. Score 83.5 S. Entered by Mrs. Cortis Ray, Lone Tree Dahlia Gardens, Route 2, Greensburg, Indiana. Basic color Empire yellow, outer half of florets overcast light mallow-purple. Flowering habit extremely productive. Date of first bloom Aug. 3rd. Stem stiff, wiry; flowers erect to facing. Can be cut to 20 in. Habit, dense branching, erect. Health very good. Diameter of flower 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in., depth 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Height of plants 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 3-4 ft. Substance excellent. An excellent and extremely productive cut flower. Open centers hold this scoring down, but should not affect its value as a cut flower.

Stake No. 3. **ROSE POINT**. Cactus. Score 84 E. Entered by A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, Michigan. Basic color white to sulfur yellow (almost white) tinted pale amaranth pink. General color appearance pale amaranth with greenish-yellow highlights throughout center. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom Aug. 6th. Stem 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in.; medium, thick, strong, straight to slightly curved. Habit erect, somewhat branching. Health medium to good. Diameter of flower 7-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; depth 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -6 in. Substance good. Height of plants 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft. Spread 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Recommend retrieval. Fine formation.

Stake No. 5. **WAGSHAL'S PHANOMEN**. Informal Decorative. Score 81.2 E. Entered by Albert Parrella, Bronx, N. Y. Originator Friedrich Wagshal, Reinbek, Hamburg, Germany. General color effect gold-yellow. Basic color description greenish-yellow to lemon yellow, very faintly tinted geranium pink. Flowering habit excellent, abundant. Date of first bloom July 10th. Stem 3-9 in., strong, straight to slightly bowed; flowers erect to slightly facing. Habit bushy, branching. Health excellent. Diameter of flower 4-8 in., depth 2-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance good. Height of plants 4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 4 ft.

Stake No. 6. **CORINNA M. WORLEY**. Formal Decorative. Score 80.8 E. Entered by Mrs. J. B. Jennings and Mrs. J. C. Burks, 3700 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia. Color—general color spectrum red to rose-red. Flowering habit poor to fair. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in., thick, straight; flowers erect, crotch. Habit of growth branching, erect, dense, thick foliage. Health some mildew. Diameter of flower 5-10 in. Depth 3-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Substance good to excellent. Height 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 3-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Remarks. Crotch. bloomer. Very short stems.

Stake No. 7. **SEEDLING 139**. Formal Decorative. Score 83.3 E. Entered by H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Color dark red. Flowering habit medium. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem 3-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., thick, straight, dark, very strong, flower erect. Habit of growth thick. Stem slightly branching. Foliage thick, leathery, growth thin, poor. Health good in one plant. Substance excellent. Diameter of flowers 8-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., depth 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 in. Height of plants 3-4 ft. Spread 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Only one good plant. Beautiful flower. Possibly should be retrieved.

Stake No. 8. **SEEDLING 211**. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 83 C. Entered by H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Color peach-red. Flowering habit fair. First bloom Aug. 26th. Stem 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., straight to slightly bowed, strong, medium, stiff; flowers erect to slightly facing. Some flowers showing proliferation of calyx. Habit of growth thick stalks, somewhat branching, branches erect. Health good. Diameter of flower 6-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth 2-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Height 3-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Beautiful color.

Stake No. 13. **R. R. 30**. Informal Decorative. Score 80 E. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota. Color scarlet. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 11th. Stem 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., stiff, curved. Flowers facing to half facing. Habit of growth thick, slightly branching, erect. Health fair. Diameter of flower 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Substance fair. Height of plants 3-5 ft. Spread 3 ft. This flower lacked substance.

Stake No. 16. **E115**. Informal Decorative. Score 80 E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Color amaranth red bleaching quickly and irregularly. Flowering habit fair to good. Date of first bloom Aug. 1st. Stem 12 in., strong, straight to slightly curved. Habit of growth branching erect. Health good. Diameter of flowers 6-7 in., depth 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -3 in.

(Continued on following page)

MID WEST TRIAL—Cont. from p. 13

Substance good. Height 5 ft. Spread 4 ft. Open centers.

Stake No. 17. 410. Semi-Cactus to Informal Decorative. Score 83 E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Color, general color to orange-chrome. Flowering habit very good. First bloom Aug. 3rd. Stem 7-8½ in., strong but curved, flower hanging loose half facing. Stem seems soft near calyx. Habit of growth semi-dwarf, widely branching. Diameter of flower 7-8 in., depth 2-4 in. Substance good. Height of plant 3½ ft., spread 3½ ft. Flowers very fine but hang as is habit with Roycroft.

Stake No. 18. 410. Informal Decorative. Score 80 E. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota. Basic color martius yellow lightly flushed pale amaranth pink, reverse more flushed. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom Aug. 25th. Stem 6-9 in., stiff, straight, flowers erect. Some very poor centers. Habit of growth branching. Health fair. Diameter of flowers 8-10½ in., depth 3½-5 in. Substance good. Height of plants 4 ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Crotch bloomer. Should be grown on side bud.

Stake No. 19. 426. Formal Decorative. Score 81 E. Entered by A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota. Color light mallow-purple (rose). Flowering habit fair to good. First bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 2-14 in., strong, stiff, curved to straight, flowers facing to ½ facing. Habit of growth thick, slightly branching. Diameter of flowers 5¾-8 in., depth 2½-4½ in. Substance good. Height of plants 4½ ft. Many open centers kept this score down.

Stake No. 21. AJAX. Formal Decorative. Score 82.5 E. Entered by Henry P. Rieper, 435 Oxford Road, Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y. General color effect light mallow purple. Flowering habit very good, abundant. First bloom Aug. 6th. Stem 7¼-9½ in., thin, straight to slightly curved; flowers facing. Habit of growth bushy branching. Diameter of flowers 4-7 in., depth 2¾-4¼ in. Substance good. Height of plants 3 ft. Spread 1-3 ft. Beautiful color.

Stake No. 22. ELIZABETH C. HERTEL. Informal Decorative to Semi-Cactus. Score 82 E. Entered by Benjamin W. Hertel, 1538 Hall St., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Color geranium pink with yellow towards center. Flowering habit excellent. Date of first bloom Aug. 15th. Stem 9½-11 in., thin, inclined to softness, crooked; flower half facing. Stem soft close to calyx. Flowers so heavy they hang. Habit of growth branching. Diameter of flowers 6-7¾ in., depth 2½-4 in. Substance good. Height of plants 4½ ft. Spread 2-3½ ft. Excellent flower but should have stronger stiffer stem. Requires disbudding.

Stake No. 24. MELVIN JONES. Semi-Cactus. Score 82 E. Entered by Roy Chidlow, Villa Park, Illinois. General color (difficult) salmon. Basic color greenish yellow lightly flushed rose-doree becoming more so. Flowering habit fair to good. First bloom Aug. 7th. Stem 7½-13½ in., straight to crooked, tend to be weak; flowers half facing to erect. Habit of growth bushy, branching, dense dwarf. Diameter of flowers 6-9 in., depth 1¼-4 in. Substance good. Height of plants 2½-3 ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Low bushy plant. Weak stems.

Stake No. 29. PAINTER'S DELIGHT. Semi-Cactus. Score 83 E. Entered by Arthur Roberts, 447 Meridan Road, Waterbury, Connecticut. Color medium autumn. Flowering habit very prolific. First bloom Aug. 1st. Stem 6½-12 in., curved, weak near calyx, flowers facing, hanging. Habit of growth widely branching, foliage dark, leathery. Health very good. Diameter of flowers 6-9 in., depth 2-4 in. Substance good. Height of plants 4 ft. Spread 3-4 ft. Fine flower formation but habit like Roycroft. Flower larger and better. Weak stems.

Stake No. 32. AUTUMN PRINCESS. Formal Decorative. Score 82 E. Originator F. C. Wolfe, Athens, Michigan. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Basic color pale greenish yellow, older florets becoming flushed light mallow purple, stronger on reverse. Flowering habit poor. First bloom Sept. 7th. Stem 4¼-7¼ in., stiff, straight; flower half-facing to erect. Habit of growth branching, bushy, heavy foliage, foliage soft. Diameter of flowers 6-7½ in., depth 2½-4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 3 ft. Spread 2-3 ft. Has some good qualities, also some open centers.

Stake No. 35. SUNRISE. Informal Decorative. Score 83 E. Entered by Joe Arens, 4757 Seminole, Detroit, Michigan. Color light yellow. Flowering habit good. First bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 4¼-12½ in., thick, stiff, green, flowers erect to half facing. Habit of growth erect branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers 5½-8½ in., depth 1¾-5 in. Height of plants 5 ft. Spread 2-3 ft.

Stake No. 37. ERMA RUTH. Semi-Cactus. Score 82.7 E. Entered by Harry E. Cain, Fairmont, West Virginia. General color carmine to spectrum red. Velvety. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 5th. Stem 4-9½ in., stiff, straight to curved or slightly crooked, flowers erect to slightly facing. Habit of growth bushy branching. Health fair to good. One plant excellent. Diameter of flowers 7-9 in., depth 2½-6 in. Substance good. Height of plants 5 ft. Spread 2-4 ft.

Stake No. 38. MAYOR HOAN. Formal Decorative. Score 83.5 E. Entered by Mrs. Carl H. Herrmann, 2809 N. Holton St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Color Eugenia red in center to old rose outside. Flowering habit good. Productive. First bloom Aug. 25th. Stem 6-7½ in., thin, stiff, strong, straight to slightly curved; flower erect. Habit of growth dense, branching, ascending to erect. Foliage large and strong. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 6-9½ in., depth 3½-6 in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 5 ft. Spread 2-4 ft. Some poor green centers.

Stake No. 40. EXQUISITE. Cactus. Score 83 E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. Basic color sulfur yellow bleaching delicately overcast light mallow purple becoming mallow pink on older florets. Flowering habit fair to good. Date of first bloom Aug. 15th. Stem 7-7¼ in., dark, thick, crooked, somewhat soft. Habit of growth erect, somewhat branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers 5-7½ in., depth 2¾-3 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 5½ ft. Spread 3 ft. Very pretty flowers but many open centers.

Stake No. 45. JOSEPHINE HAYES. Informal Decorative. Score 83 E. Entered by Charles H. Smith, R. F. D. 1, Mays Landing, N. J. Color greenish yellow. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 23rd. Stem 6½-9 in., green, strong, stiff, medium thick. Flowers half-facing. Habit of growth erect, somewhat branching. Diameter of flowers 6-8 in., depth 2½-4 in. Substance good. Height of plants 6 ft. Spread 2-3 ft.

Stake No. 47. BECKY THATCHER. Informal decorative. Score 84 E. 83 C. Entered by Ward Horticultural Co., Webster Groves, Missouri. Basic color pale greenish yellow, showing at base of florets, blanching somewhat above and suffused amaranth pink. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem 7-9½ in., thick, strong, dark, stiff; flowers erect. Habit of growth dwarf, slightly branching to ascending erect. Leaves thick, large, leathery. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 6-8 in., depth 2¼-4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 3-4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Fine flower. Fine stem.

Stake No. 51. SEEDLING NO. 3. Semi-Cactus to Informal Decorative. Score 81.5 E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Color peach autumn. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom July 28th. Stem 3½-4 in., stiff, medium thick, strong; flower facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching, foliage smooth shining. Health good. Diameter of flowers 6-8 in., depth 2½-5 in. Substance good. Height of plants 4½ ft. Spread 2-4 ft. Fades badly and has open centers.

Stake No. 54. PAUL BUNYAN'S CHARM. Semi-Cactus to Informal Decorative. Score 84 E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Greenish yellow blanching to pale greenish yellow. Flowering habit very good. First bloom Aug. 3rd. Stem 3¾-4 in., stiff, straight, flowers erect to side facing. Habit of growth dense branching, erect to ascending erect. Health good. Diameter of flowers 7-12 in., depth 2½-6 in. Substance good. Height of plants 4-5 ft. Spread 2-4 ft. Nice flower but short stem.

Stake No. 56. HILLSIDE GOLD. Cactus. Score 83.3 E. 84 C. Entered by Hillside Farm, Walter Bissell, Austinburg, Ohio. Color light greenish-yellow to pale greenish-yellow, very delicately tinted pale amaranth pink. General color appearance old gold. Flowering habit fair to good. First bloom July 5th. Stem 4¾-6 in., stiff, straight, flowers erect to side

facing. Habit of growth bushy, dwarf. Diameter of flowers 4-8 in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Height of plant 3-4 ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Stake No. 57. SEEDLING 35-51. Semi-Cactus to Cactus. Score 82.5 E. 83 C. Entered by S. E. Taylor, Rockley Gardens, Morgantown, West Virginia. General color effect spectrum red. Basic color sulphur yellow completely overcast carmine. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 5th. Stem $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., stiff, erect; flowers erect to side facing. Habit of growth erect, branching. Diameter of flowers $5\frac{1}{4}$ -8 in., depth 2-5 in. Substance good. Height of plants 5 ft., spread 3 ft. Remarks: Two plants red. East plant large yellow. This yellow looked fine and might have scored had it been on trial.

Stake No. 59. S. 34-57. Formal Decorative. Score 82 E. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. Color effect dark old gold. Flowering habit fair. First bloom Aug. 20th. Stem $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., curved flower hangs, flowers facing. Habit of growth erect, branching. Diameter of flowers 7-8 in., depth 3-4 in. Substance very good. Remarks: Flowers perfect but hang and have poor stems.

Stake No. 60. PEACH DAINTY. Small Formal Decorative. Score 84 C. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. General color effect Grenadine pink. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 25th. Stem $6\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in. Stiff, some curved; flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth widely branching, bushy, erect to ascending erect. Diameter of flowers $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 3-4 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Very good commercial. Some poor centers.

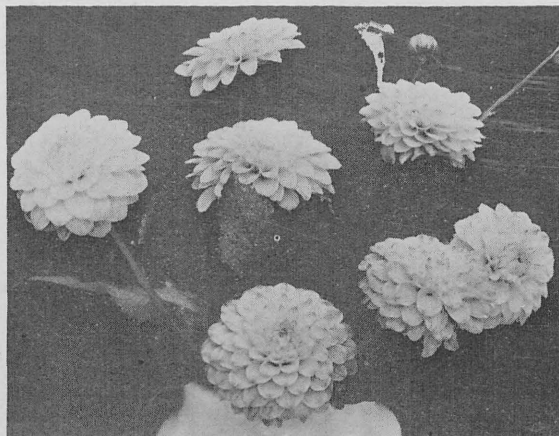
Stake No. 61. S.34-56. Cactus. Score 81. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y. Color greenish-yellow lighter on reverse, lightly tinted amaranth pink. General color effect autumn. Flowering habit fair to good. First bloom Aug. 20th. Stem 3-6 in., short; flowers erect to $\frac{3}{4}$ facing. Habit of growth, dense, branching, branches erect, bushy. Diameter of flowers 6-9 in., depth 3-5 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 4 ft. Fine type, very pretty flowers, short stem.

Stake No. 66. BETTY MALONE. Pom. Score 83 S. Entered by Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Originator Joseph Malone, 27 Harris Street, Paterson, Haledon, N. J. Color sulfur yellow blanching. Tips of florets tinted pansy purple. An occasional floret with streak of purple. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem $2\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in., short, wiry, flowers erect to side facing. Habit of growth dwarf, bushy, dense. Diameter of flowers $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2 ft.

Stake No. 68. GOLDEN FRILLS. Informal Decorative to Cactus. Score 80 E. Entered by M. Markland, Speedway Dahlia Gardens, Indianapolis, Indiana. General color description autumn. Flowering habit poor. Date of first bloom Sept. 12th. Stem $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ in., short, stiff, blooms erect to side facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching, dwarf. Health very poor. Diameter of flowers $5\frac{1}{4}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Substance good. Height of plants $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 1-2 ft. Beautiful flower. Has possibilities. Plants were not healthy. Recommend retreat.

Stake No. 73. DOZIER'S COMMERCIAL RED. Informal Decorative. Score 84 C. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Color pale greenish-yellow overcast scarlet. General color effect scarlet. Flowering habit good. First bloom Sept. 5th. Stem 8- $11\frac{1}{2}$ in., strong, stiff, dark, straight to slightly curved. Flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth erect, branching, dense, vigorous. Health very good. Diameter of flowers $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{3}{4}$ in., depth $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 4- $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 3 ft. Late blooming held this score down.

Stake No. 74. SOUTHERN SUNSET. Informal Decorative. Score 83 E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Color greenish-yellow to lighter, irregularly suffused scarlet-red. Flowering habit very good. First bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 5- $7\frac{3}{4}$ in., thick, stiff, strong, somewhat curved; flowers half facing to facing. Habit of growth dense, widely branching, bushy. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers $7\frac{1}{2}$ -10 in., depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 ft., spread 2-4 ft. Poor centers.



HAPPY—M. F. D. Yellow, lightly tinted mallow purple. Entered by Sunrise Dahlia Garden, Connersville, Indiana.

Stake No. 75. GOLDEN GODDESS. Formal Decorative. Score 84 E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Color greenish-yellow. Flowering habit good. First bloom Aug. 20th. Stem $6\frac{3}{4}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., strong, thick, slightly curved to more so; flowers facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching, erect. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers 5-7 in., depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants $4\frac{1}{2}$ -5 ft., spread 2-3 ft. Remarks: Open centers.

Stake No. 76. DOUBLE DIP. Semi-Cactus. Score 83 E. 81 C. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Color pale greenish-yellow showing at base of florets, becoming lighter above and suffused lightly tyrian pink. Flowering habit excellent. First bloom Aug. 8th. Stem $4\frac{3}{4}$ -9 in., stiff, strong, slightly curved; flowers half facing. Habit of growth widely branching. Health very good. Diameter of flowers 5-9 in., depth $1\frac{3}{4}$ -5 in. Substance fair, soft. Height of plants 4-5 ft. Spread 4 ft. Remarks: Prolific, beautiful color. Very artistic. Lacks substance.

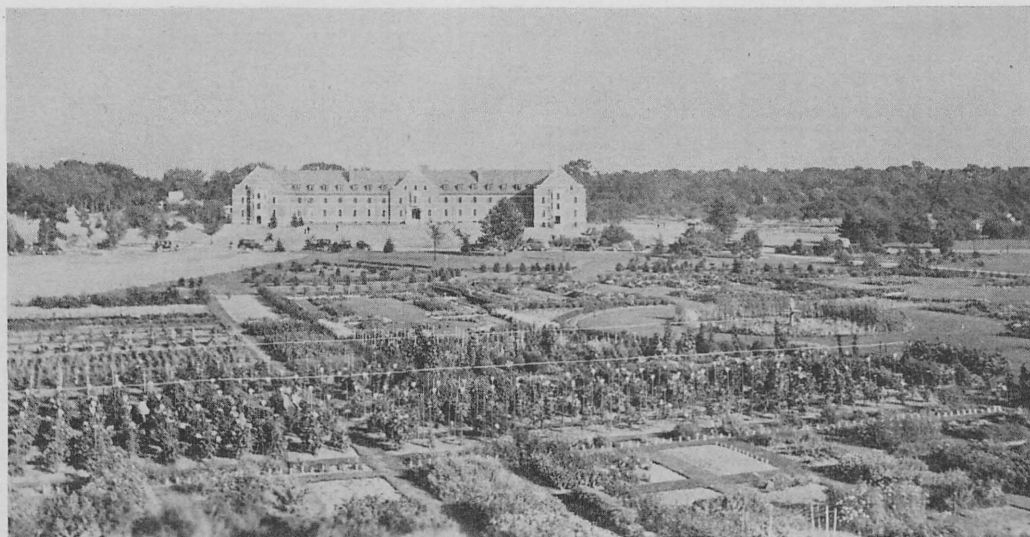
Stake No. 78. ENCORE. Small Informal Decorative. Score 82 C. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Color aster purple, blanching to mallow purple. Flowering habit fair to good. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem $6\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., dark, strong, slightly curved; flowers erect to half facing. Habit of growth erect, branching above. Diameter of flowers $4\frac{1}{4}$ -7 in., depth 2- $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Substance very good. Height of plants $4\frac{1}{2}$ -5 ft. Spread 2-3 ft.

Stake No. 79. CRACKER JACK. Formal Decorative. Score 84 E. 82 C. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Color light greenish-yellow suffused scarlet. General color effect orange-autumn. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem $4\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in., thick, strong, green, straight to slightly curved; flowers facing to erect. Habit of growth vigorous, erect, branching above. Diameter of flowers 6-10 in., depth 2- $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 ft., spread 3 ft. Remarks: Fine color. Very fine flower. Petals fold back. Some flowers appear semi-cactus.

Stake No. 80. DINA-LEE. Formal Decorative. Score 82 E. 81 C. Entered by T. J. Roth, 77 Grove Park, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Basic color sulfur yellow blanching suffused light phlox purple. Flowering habit fair. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 3- $6\frac{1}{2}$ in., thick, strong, green; flowers half facing. Habit of growth erect, much branching from the base. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{3}{4}$ in., depth 2-4 in. Substance excellent. Height of plants $1\frac{1}{2}$ -5 ft. Spread $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 ft.

Stake No. 81. SEEDLING 313. Informal Decorative. Score 83.5 E. Entered by T. H. Gray, Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, 1902 Robinson Avenue, Garfield

(Continued on following page)



Beautiful Gardens at Michigan State College. Note Midwest Trial Grounds in center foreground.

MID WEST TRIAL—Cont. from p. 15

Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. Color light greenish-yellow with gold toning towards center. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Aug. 18th. Stem 2-2½ in., short, strong, flowers facing or erect. Habit of growth bushy, branching, dense. Diameter of flowers 7-9 in., depth 3-6½ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 3½ ft. Spread 2½ ft. Remarks: Very fine but short stem. Nothing wrong with flower except stem.

Stake No. 82. GIANT SUNBEAM. Score 81 E. Entered by Maplewood Dahlia Gardens, Pullallup, Washington. Originator Mrs. J. W. Lee, Tacoma, Washington. Color light greenish-yellow to pale greenish yellow. Flowering habit poor. First bloom Aug. 22nd. Stem 4¾ in., thick, strong, short; flowers erect. Habit of growth vigorous, branching. Diameter of flowers 6½-8 in., depth 2-4 in. Height of plants 3½-4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Recommend retreat.

Stake No. 83. TODD'S NO. 1. Formal Decorative. Score 83 E. Entered by W. S. Todd, Greenwood, Delaware. Color greenish-yellow. Flowering habit fair. First bloom Aug. 23rd. Stem 1½-3 in., short, green, stiff, strong; flower erect, crotch. Habit of growth bushy, branching from base. Foliage thick, large. Diameter of flowers 9-12 in., depth 3-5½ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 2-4 ft. Spread 2½-3 ft. Remarks: Fine flower penalized on short stem.

Stake No. 89. VIRGINIA SHIPLEY. Formal Decorative to Informal Decorative. Score 82 E. Entered by Henry F. Cory, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Color light greenish-yellow, lightly flushed light mallow pink. Flowering habit good to fair. First bloom Sept. 2nd. Stem 3-7 in., short, dark, thick, strong; flower facing to half facing. Habit of growth bushy, branches spreading or ascending. Diameter of flowers 7-8½ in., depth 3-4 in. Substance excellent. Height of plants 3-4 ft. Spread 1½-3 ft. Remarks: Very fine flower. Stem not very good.

Stake No. 97. SEEDLING. Formal Decorative. Score 82.7 C. 83 E. Entered by Curtis Dahlia Gardens, Ionia, Michigan. General color appearance dark velvety red. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom July 10th. Stem 2½-8 in., thick, straight to curved; flower heavy, erect. Habit of growth erect, branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers 6-7 in., depth 2-4½ in. Substance very good. Height of plants 4-5 ft. Spread 2-2½ ft.

Stake No. 105. SEEDLING 389. Formal Decorative. Score 81.5 S. Entered by Locust Valley Dahlia Farm, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. Color almost white,

lightly tinted with mallow purple. General color effect light pink. Flowering habit very good. First bloom Aug. 8th. Stem 3-6 in., green, straight to somewhat
(Continued on page 25)

OHIO VALLEY DAHLIA TRIAL GROUNDS

Season of 1938, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio

By Raymond H. Moffett, Supt.

We are happy to report that our first season under joint coöperation with the A. D. S. Trial Grounds has proven another success.

With the possible exception of one hot, dry period in the early part of the blooming season and heavy rains throughout the summer, the weather was favorable. We had an unusually long blooming period as the Dahlias were not damaged by frost until the early part of November. Because of the high elevation which affords the maximum drainage for heavy, frosty air, even the latest varieties were given a chance to bloom.

This also marked the first year of what we hope to make our annual field day event. We were honored and encouraged by the presence of such distinguished guests as Mr. George B. Fraser of Willimantic, Connecticut; Dr. A. E. White of Indianapolis, Indiana; Professor R. G. Huey of Paintsville, Kentucky. These gentlemen are not only dyed in the wool Dahlia enthusiasts, but are expert judges of good Dahlias. We are delighted to have their help and the help of other visitors who could not be there for Field Day but dropped in at their convenience to help us make our Trial Grounds an institution of intersectional interest, as well as a testing grounds for the benefit of local purchasers.

We wish to take advantage of this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our success including, not only those who have sent in their entries,

but also the judges, the officials of the A. D. S. and of the Cincinnati Park Board who have encouraged and sponsored our project.

Certificate of Merit Awards

10. OUR LITTLE JOANNE, Miniature, Informal Dec., entered by John Tierney, 3452 Warsaw Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. (S85). Red, tipped or edged white. Flowering habit fair to good, early and late. Stem 3-5 in., holds flower well, facing from three-quarters to straight up. Size of flowers 1½-2 in., depth 1-1½ in., height 2 ft. 8 in.

55. LEAH PEARL, Formal Dec., entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Mich. (C-85). Cream shading toward gold at the base, overlaid delicate pink. Flowering habit very prolific. Stem 4-5 in., wiry and thin, holds flower facing side. Size of bloom 4-5½ in., depth 3-4 in., height 4½-5 ft.

61. LITTLE COLONEL, Miniature informal Dec., entered by Limestone Gardens, Washington, Kentucky. (S-85). Yellow base shaded orange mingled with shades of pink. Flowering habit early more prolific in latter part of season. Stem 4-6 in., stiff and wiry, holds flower well, facing side. Size 3-3½ in., depth 1-1½ in., height 3-3½ ft.

76. BANDOENG, Informal Dec., entered by Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland. (E85). Golden Amber overlaid reddish orange, red reverse showing at center. Flowering habit, early and very prolific. Stem 4-6 in., stiff, presents flower well, facing side. Size of flower 7-7½ in., depth 4 in., height 5½ ft.

79. NO. 4-R-6, Semi-Cactus, entered by Henry Smith, Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio. (E-85). White, slightly shaded cream. Flowering habit late, prolific. Stem 4-6 in., stiff, rather thin, holds flower well, facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 6-7 in., depth 3-3½ in., height 5 ft.

91. BETTY MALONE, Pompon, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Box No. 14, Vineland, N. J. (S-85). White with each petal distinctly tipped violet purple. Flowering habit early and prolific. Stem 2-4 in., wiry but thin, holds flower well. Size of flower 1½-2 in., height 3 ft.

94. NO. 101-33, Miniature semi-cactus, entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Box 14, Vineland, N. J. (S-85). Shrimp pink shaded gold at base of petals. Flowering habit very prolific, early and late. Stem 4-6 in., stiff and wiry, holds flower well facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 3-4½ in., depth 2½ in., height 3½ ft.

106. NO. H-101-38, Cactus, entered by Heil's Dahlia Garden, Fosters, Ohio. (E-85). Blood red. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 4-6 in., wiry, holds flower facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 5 in., depth 2½ in., height 4-5 ft.

142. MOTHER MAYTROT, Informal Dec., entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Box 14, Vineland. (E-85). Very good white. Flowering habit good. Stem 6-8 in., stiff, holds flower well, facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 8-9 in., depth 5-5½ in., height 5 ft.

Varieties Scoring Between 80-85

16. LITTLE PEACHERINO, Miniature Informal Dec., entered by Lee's Dahlia Gardens, Steilacoom.

Washington. (S-81). Pink shading to cream and gold at base of petal. Flowering habit slow at first better at end of the season. Stem 3 to 5 in., stiff, holds flower well, facing from three-quarters to straight up. Size of flowers 2-3 in., depth 1-1½ in., height 2 ft. 3 in.

28. NO. 11, Formal Dec., entered by Clarence Eklund, Route 5, Box 258, Tacoma, Wash. (E-83). Creamy white. Flowering habit good. Stem 4-6 in., stiff, but a little heavy, holds flower well, facing the heavens. Size of flowers 6-8 in., depth 4-5 in., height 4½-5 ft.

43. NO. 371, Semi-Cactus, entered by Albert Hendricks, Clio, Mich. (E-81). Reddish orange. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 2-4 in., stiff, holds flower well, facing three-quarters up. Size of flowers 7-7½ in., depth 3½-4 in., height 4½ ft.

52. INDIAN CHIEF, Informal Dec., entered by Mrs. Cortes Ray, Route 2, Greensburg, Indiana. (E-82). Deep buff shaded reddish orange. Flowering habit late, blooms too close to the foliage. Stem 2-8 in., bends slightly under weight of bloom, holds flower facing side. Size of flower 8½-10½ in., depth 2½-3 in., height 2 ft.

58. ORCHID BEAUTY, Informal Dec., entered by C. N. Keiser, Berrien Springs, Mich. (E-82). Orchid pink shading to gold at base of petal. Flowering habit early and prolific. Stem 6-8 in., stiff but curved slightly downward, holds flower facing about one-quarter downward. Size of flower 7½ to 8 in., depth 3-4½, height 4-5 ft.

70. PINK GRAND, Informal Dec., entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. (E-83). Light pink. Flowering habit early and prolific. Stem 7-8 in., stiff, holds flowers well, facing side. Size of flower 7½-8 in., depth 4½-5 in., height 3½ ft. This Dahlia stands the heat better than Kathleen Norris and is worthy of another trial.

73. NO. B-12-31, BALL, entered by Mrs. H. L. Bader, 406 S. Main Street, Oxford, Ohio. (E-82). Bright orange. Flowering habit early, prolific bloomer. Stem 4-6 in., usually present the flower side view, some stems weak. Size of flower 3-4 in., depth 2½-3 in., height 3 to 3½ ft.

82. NO. 4-R-1, Semi-Cactus, entered by Henry Smith, Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio. (E-81). Bright red. Flowering habit early and prolific. Stem 6-10 in., stiff, carries bloom well out of foliage facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 7-9 in., depth 4½-5 in., height 5 ft.

85. BURCH FORAKER, Informal Dec., entered by C. W. Slocum, Terrace Gardens, No. 8 Wager Place, Ionia, Mich. (E-82). Bright red. Flowering habit good. Stem 6-8 in., stiff, holds flowers well, facing up. Size of flower 10 in., depth 3-3½ in., height 6 ft.

88. TOBA LEE, Miniature Informal Dec., entered by Dahlia-del Nurseries, Box 14, Vineland, N. J. (S-80). Bright yellow, flowering habit fair, rather late. Stem 2-4 in., stiff and wiry, holds flower well facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 2½-4 in., depth 2 in., height 2½ ft.

100. NO. 1008, Informal Dec., entered by Dr. A. E. White, 6215 Washington Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind. (E-82). Wine red, flowering habit good. Stem 4-6 in., carries flower well, facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 8½-10 in., depth 3-3½ in., height 4 ft.

103. NO. 100, Informal Dec., entered by Dr. A. E. White, 6215 Washington Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind. (E-82). Orange suffused with rose pink, and gold. Flowering habit very prolific. Stem 4-6 in., stiff, holds flowers well, facing three-quarters up. Size of flower 7-7½ in., depth 3½-4 in., height 3½ ft.

109. GOLDEN FRILLS, Semi-Cactus, entered by M. Markland, Speedway Dahlia Gardens, Indianapolis, Ind. (E-80). Gold and orange suffusion, similar to 3-5 in., holds flowers facing side. Size of flower 6-7 Jane Cowl. Flowering habit fair, later in season. Stem in., depth 3-3½ in., height 4 ft.

115. NO. A-12-35, Semi-Cactus, entered by Mrs. H. L. Bader, 406 S. Main Street, Oxford, Ohio. (E-83). Bright rose pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 4-6 in., holds flower well, facing one-quarter down. Size of flower 7½ in., depth 3½-4 in., height 4 ft.

121. NO. H-102-38, Informal Dec., entered by Heil's Dahlia Gardens, Fosters, Ohio. (E-83). Watermelon pink. Flowering habit good. Stem 8-10 in. Holds flower firm facing one-quarter down. Size of flower 6-7½ in., depth 3½-4 in., height 3 ft.

124. BETSY, Semi-Cactus, entered by Hillside Farm, Austenburg, Ohio. (E-84). Orchid pink shading lighter at tips. Flowering habit prolific. Stem 6-7 in., bending slightly, holds flower facing side. Size of flower 6½-7 in., depth 3½-4 in., height 3½ ft.

Dahlias in England—1938

By G. F. Drayson

23 Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England

I will commence these notes with a brief description of the weather experienced in 1938, for Dahlias are greatly influenced by the weather, and moreover, a knowledge of the climatic conditions under which they are grown may do much to explain why some varieties are so much better in one country than in another.

The English weather in 1938 was remarkable in several respects. In the first place February and March were exceptionally fine and mild. November also was unusually warm, the thermometer on one occasion rising to 70° F., an almost unprecedented figure for the time of year. The early fine spell was followed by destructive frosts in April and May, but as this was before planting out time the Dahlias were not affected. In early August we experienced what we consider a heat wave, with the thermometer reaching the eighties on a number of days, but in the latter half of the month on many days it failed to reach 70°, and even in the south of England there were night frosts in one or two places. After that the weather improved, and it was towards the end of October before there was any widespread frost. In some favoured districts the Dahlias were not frosted until nearly the end of November, and some nice blooms were produced during the fine weather at the beginning of that month.

1938 saw also some exceptional gales, during one of which gusts of 100 miles per hour were registered. One gale occurred in early June and destroyed many plants whose owners had neglected the oft repeated advice to stake and tie securely at the time of planting out. A gale of even greater severity in early October worked havoc with the Dahlias in exposed positions, and, indeed, many plants were blown down even in comparatively sheltered gardens.

Not the least remarkable feature of the 1938 weather was the drought which commenced in February and in parts of south and east England continued until the end of September. In the north and west, however, the drought was broken in July, and the weather became exceedingly wet. There were many violent thunderstorms, in the course of one of which one station registered a rainfall of no less than seven inches. As, however, is usually the case, the storms were mostly local, some districts escaping them altogether, while places a mile away were flooded. My own garden is situated in one of the driest parts of the country, and although the soil is very retentive of moisture, it was necessary when preparing it in May to water it in order to break it up to obtain the fine tilth so desirable for planting out. It was necessary also to water from time to time to keep the plants growing satisfactorily. In some places where they were not watered the plants kept dwarf and it was considerably later than usual before they commenced to flower satisfactorily.

Taken as a whole the Dahlia season was not quite so good as usual, although experienced growers had no

difficulty in producing abundance of fine blooms, and at our National Society's annual exhibition on September 6th there were more really large blooms than at any of its previous Shows. Of the large decorative Dahlias *Major C. C. Messervy* was again the most prominent variety, and a fine specimen was awarded the medal offered for the best bloom in the open classes of the Show. *Daily Mail* and *Pink Daily Mail* were also well represented. These three varieties owe their popularity not only to their great size but also to their reliability and freedom in flowering both early and late in the season. Other prominent varieties which I have mentioned in previous articles were *Leaves G. Bolton*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Freda George*, *Taplow Court*, *Mrs. Sowton*, *Koongarra Beauty*, *Winona Drayson*, *Hercules*, *Laur-entic*, *F. Riley*, *Mastodon*, *D. B. Crane*, *Musketeer* and *Clara Carder*. The last named in our climate is rather late in flowering, but there is no variety better suited to the requirements of the man who grows Dahlias with the ignoble idea of producing blooms of such size as will excite the envy of his neighbours. Unlike some extra large varieties, its blooms are almost invariably well formed. *Phyllis Knight* is an example of a large variety of which the opposite is the case, and many growers are dropping it because of its coarse centre.

A number of American varieties have been grown very successfully in England. Of these, *Charles G. Reed* is most reliable and is still unsurpassed, while the old favorites, *Jane Cowl*, *Jersey's Beauty*, *Shahrazad* and *Treasure Island* are still found in a large number of collections. Of the newer varieties *Charles G. Mastick*, *Angelo Rossi* and *Pride of Austinburg* do well in our gardens, and *Mrs. G. Le Boutillier* has yielded some enormous blooms.

In 1938 *Leland Stanford* was very promising, while *Azura* gave blooms of exceptionally large diameter. *Margrace* was a good red on strong stems of great length, and *Gracie Allen* produced large blooms of good form. In our climate, however, the three last named varieties are late in flowering. This is a serious defect, but it may be overcome by growing them from old tubers instead of from rooted cuttings which is the usual method in England.

In my last notes I referred to the injustice that could be caused by condemning a variety on the behaviour of what might be an inferior or diseased stock. A striking example of this occurred in 1938, when I saw a really splendid row of *Chautauqua Sunset*, a variety which in my own garden had given only very poor open centered blooms.

I have in previous articles referred to the excellence of some of the Australian raised varieties, and I was interested to learn from a recent issue of the *BULLETIN* that three that I named last year—*Darcy Sainsbury*, *Freda George* and *Mrs. Sowton*—have been grown very successfully in U. S. A. In 1938 a number of further Aus-

tralian varieties were grown here and proved to be fully equal to their predecessors. One of the very best was *Rita Betty*, which came with a great reputation and justified it. It is a reliable producer of giant coppery bronze blooms. *Croyden Wonder* is an even larger variety of a good red colour, but with a tendency to coarseness if treated too well. A specimen of this variety won the medal offered at our National Society's Show for the best bloom in the amateur classes. *Duke of Windsor*, another really good novelty, is not quite so large, but is of better formation. It has a fine stem and is of a deep crimson colour. Quite a number of good yellow varieties have come from Australia. In the early part of the season the best was *Croyden Buttercup*, a giant bloom of an exceptionally deep shade. Later, *Nance Gene* was outstanding for its massive blooms. *Iris Ransome*, *Mrs. V. Bartley* and *Wayville Chrome* are three other really first class yellow varieties. *Albus*, a new white, has greater diameter than *Darcy Sainsbury* and promises to be a serious rival to that variety. Four further Australian varieties merit notice: *Golden Prince*, yellow, flushed bronze towards the centre, *Chesamy*, a massive lavender pink, *Agnes Foster*, another lavender pink bloom but with short stems, and *Wotana*, Mikado orange, long stemmed. *Clara Scott* is a New Zealand variety of very large size but approaching the semi-cactus form. Its colour is a beautiful shade of lavender pink.

Of Mr. Stredwick's recent novelties, *Stuart Ogg* is becoming popular in spite of the fact that some growers do not care for the form of the bloom. After all there is much to be said for a variety that is always strong and healthy in growth and is a reliable producer of blooms eleven inches in diameter with great depth. Mr. Stredwick's leading variety for 1938 was *Earl Baldwin*, a giant crimson shaded mauve. This colouring may not sound attractive, but some growers admired it very much. In my own garden its form was more semi-cactus than decorative. *John Green*, from the same raiser, is a brilliant scarlet. The earlier blooms disappointed because of their form, but later in the season it was excellent. The Dutch variety *Gladiator* was found to be a very fine Dahlia, and *Nagel's Giant*, as exhibited in London, showed great promise.

The increase in the popularity of the semi-cactus Dahlias continues, and although the varieties *Ballego's Surprise* and *Frau O'Bracht* are still unsurpassed, a number of very fine novelties have recently been introduced. Of these, two of the finest and largest grown in 1938 were *Golden Dream* and *Enkart's Prima*. The former is wonderful in size and stem, and beautiful in its amber maize colour. It pleased me more than any other semi-cactus novelty, in spite of the fact that towards the end of the season it had a tendency to show an eye. *Enkart's Prima* is a massive bloom, but in our climate its colour was rather undecided. *Julius Bunge* is the most beautiful of all pink varieties of medium size. *Beauty of the Garden* and *Bolide* were two further good newcomers. *Marjorie Spencer* has not yet been distributed, but promises to be a leading variety. In colour it resembles *Schiller*, but it is a considerably larger and finer flower. *Flamingo* has been on the market for several years, but seems to have been overlooked. As seen in 1938 it was the finest red semi-cactus. Every year Mr. Stredwick

introduces a number of cactus and semi-cactus varieties, and the seedlings which he exhibited in 1938 were particularly promising. One of the best sent out in the spring was *Cherry Agar*, pink with pale yellow centre. Another semi-cactus Dahlia won the gold medal at the Wisley trials. This was *Fortune*, an exceptionally free flowering variety of a salmon pink colour, about six inches in diameter, raised by Mr. Barwise of Burnley. Of deep yellow varieties *Yellow Marvel* as grown last year was the best.

Of our standard semi-cactus varieties not already mentioned the following are the best: *Baerne*, *Salmon Giant*, *Golden Age*, *Effective*, *Cyril Verschaeve*, *Flaming Torch*, *R. P. Rutherford* and *Mev. Wijckhuisen*.

At our National Society's Show the Dutch Dahlia Growers Association again contributed an exhibit comprising some of their newer varieties. Those of semi-cactus form predominated, and the following struck me as being particularly promising: *Scarlet Leader*, *Peer Gynt* and *Grand*, three very fine red semi-cactus varieties, between which it was difficult to choose; *Dominant*, a large true cactus variety, lilac rose with yellow centre; *Little Diamond*, an excellent small pink cactus; and *Consul General Quist*, a beautiful pink semi-cactus.

Several of the leading Dutch growers accompanied their exhibit, and we had the pleasure of renewing old friendships and making new ones. Our Show was visited by several prominent Belgian growers also, and they too brought with them a number of novelties. On this occasion exactly one hundred new Dahlias were submitted to our floral committee with a view to selection for trial at Wisley. When it is remembered that the committee sits six or seven times during the season and that numerous novelties are placed before it at each sitting, some idea will be formed of the immense number of new Dahlias that are now being raised in Europe. Unfortunately in 1938 the later meetings of the committee were robbed of much of their interest by the international crisis, which cast a dark cloud over much of the season.

Although I have devoted considerable space to large flowered Dahlias, there are in England many growers who prefer small flowered varieties, and some indeed who object altogether to many modern Dahlias because they are too large. To them the magnificence of the individual bloom is of little account. They value a variety according to its freedom of flowering and the display of colour that it makes in the garden. It is mainly from this point of view that the Dahlias are judged at our Wisley trials. When large flowered varieties obtain awards then it is because of their effectiveness as garden plants. So far the gold medal offered annually for the best variety under trial has always been won by a small or medium flowered variety. This is because these varieties are undoubtedly superior for garden display. It must, however, be added that no variety receives an award unless the blooms are well formed.

Small flowered Dahlias of decorative, cactus, semi-cactus and paeony flowered form are alike popular in England, and most of the best varieties resemble one another in that they bloom early and have a compara-

(Continued on page 28)

Second Annual A.D.S. Mid-Winter Dinner

Large Gathering at the Hotel Shelton, New York, January 21st

Rumor has it that many Hollywood stars will be directed shortly to terminate their radio contracts. But don't worry, world, there are still baritones, tenors and yes witty fellows as witnessed at the goings on at our A. D. S. party—they are just waiting to be discovered!

A petite young lady in red (who calls herself "Pat") was the spark in getting the Dahlia fraternity to sing to the tune of her accordion, as she pranced gaily from table to table at intervals throughout the evening.

The "Joy of the Dahlia" might have been the theme of this happy gathering. Following a reception, which gave us an opportunity of renewing acquaintances and meeting our new Dahlia enthusiasts, we repaired to the dining room. A much appreciated chicken dinner there awaited us. Conversations centered largely around the Dahlia at the tables set for ten.

Between courses, President Lynn B. Dudley announced that among our guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Heald, who had been married this afternoon. As the familiar strains of the wedding march commenced, the entire assemblage stood and cheered. Mr. Heald is in the Department of Agriculture inspection service and covers most of Long Island. His careful attention to every detail as well as his gentlemanly courtesy have placed him high in our esteem. The A. D. S. wishes Mr. and Mrs. Heald every happiness.

President Dudley, presiding, introduced our honored guests: Conrad C. Frey, Mrs. Frieda Fisher, Mrs. Lynn B. Dudley, Prof. Roland H. Patch, George Fraser, C. Louis Alling, Max Schling, Louis B. Tim, Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Warren Maytrott, J. S. Bluhm, Oliver Shurtleff and Mrs. Mary Watt, horticultural Editor of the *New York Sun*.

Several telegrams and messages of interest to the assemblage were read by Mr. Dudley, who then outlined the program for the evening. It was diversified and entirely free of monotonous long-windedness!

From time to time the Society awards its Gold Medal to some individual for outstanding service in the advancement of the Dahlia. It is the recognition supreme and greatly cherished by those so honored. It was fitting in this instance that C. Louis Alling should be asked to make the presentation since the recipient is his life long friend.

Mr. Alling spoke but a few minutes, but in his remarks he expressed the sentiment every one of us feels for the man we selected for the award, George Fraser, charter member of the A. D. S.; father of the idea of Official Trial Gardens; a great A. D. S. President during his two terms in office; true friend of every honest Dahliaist and above all else a God fearing gentleman. The magnificent applause which accompanied his accepting the medal attested the genuineness of our feeling for our friend. The matter was a complete surprise to Mr. Fraser; there were no "leaks" in the arrangements. It

was very difficult for him to find words to express his emotion and he was deeply moved.

Many years ago an address was presented before an A. D. S. assemblage which as time went on took on the significance of the greatest speech ever to be enjoyed by the Society. The speaker was a studious, enthused person whose every thought was centered about flowers. Today he is known the world over—the dean of American florists he is affectionately called. Of course you know who that is: Max Schling.

As he rose to address us, we saw the man who recently celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the florist's business. He proceeded to render as stirring and inspirational an address as we have ever had the good fortune to hear.

He brought home to us the fact we could receive the world's undying plaudits were we to stress more the utility of the Dahlia. Recognizing the place in the garden lover's demand for our large flowering exhibition varieties, he insisted that there is a very great demand for our flower by the masses who do not have gardens. Yes, some, he remarked cannot afford even a large vase in which to place a bloom of mammoth size; but are hungry for a few small blossoms—within their means to purchase.

He recalled some of these folk, whom, after the flower literally falls apart still are enraptured with the beauty of color and texture of single petals and so, try to hold these petals alive a day longer or even press them.

Would that every florist might have heard him tell us that he can arrange a more beautiful bridesmaid's bouquet from single Dahlias than from orchids! And he will demonstrate this for us in the blossoming season. This man—upon whom there is constant demand on his time has promised that if the A. D. S. will arrange to procure a suitable lecture hall this fall, he will come personally and prepare in our presence various floral arrangements using Dahlias. (Plans are already in the making for this unusual treat.)

Mr. Schling concluded by telling of his quest for utility Dahlias through Europe, mentioning the pioneer work of illustrious hybridizers as Pfitzer, and pleading that we push to the forefront those varieties which can be used for bedding and cutting.

The assemblage rose and acclaimed his magnificent contribution to the Dahlia.

Dr. Bruce B. Preas then told us something about the amateur grower. This laugh provoking caricature brought forth many guffaws from the commercial men present and provided an interesting humorous note for all. He invited all men to attend the dinner of the Long Island Dahlia Men, which he will again sponsor on March 18th—provided of course the cost of admission is deposited!

Motion pictures in color, depicting the tragic results of the September hurricane at Storrs, Connecticut, were



Happy faces all. The Joy of the Dahlia was the theme of the successful A. D. S. Mid-Winter Dinner at New York.

accompanied by a detailed verbal description by Prof. Patch.

And Mr. E. E. Tooker, who was obliging in the operation of the projector, then showed us a reel of his shots of 1938. The pictures were taken at the Trial Gardens also the Test Garden at Storrs before the storm—also from his garden at Rockville Centre, L. I. Noteworthy among the specimen blooms shown were *Katie K.*, *Satan*, *Margaret Broomall*, *Sunrays*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Watching Giant*, *Le Boutillier*, also Mr. Tooker's seedlings *Grain o' Gold*, pompon, and two informal decoratives—one yellow, the other bright pink.

Having deferred a trip to Florida for two weeks to be present with us, Mr. Louis B. Tim next spoke about his experiments in growing Dahlias under wire cloth, explaining the changes made from time to time in the size of wire mesh. He is also building a small house; wire sides—shade cloth top for further experimental work. He added that he finds his roots most satisfactory from plants grown in the houses. Mr. Tim's closing remarks embraced his quest for new and finer varieties in his frequent trips to Europe.

At this point, Dr. Preas proceeded to "rib" some of us by showing on the screen cartoons in color which gave us barrels of fun. The highlights included a race for Sweepstakes Cup, depicting half a dozen hogs of various sizes and shapes, each named an important exhibitor at the New York Show—it was a masterpiece and brought down the house. Other showings included some part time Dahlia commercial growers, depicted in their regular lines of endeavor: Warren Maytrott, delivering a political oration, Dewey Mohr engrossed in checking

credit of an important account; your Editor carrying under his arm a big ham (since he is engaged in selling Virginia Hams—he thinks the ham should have been so labelled—Ha! Ha!).

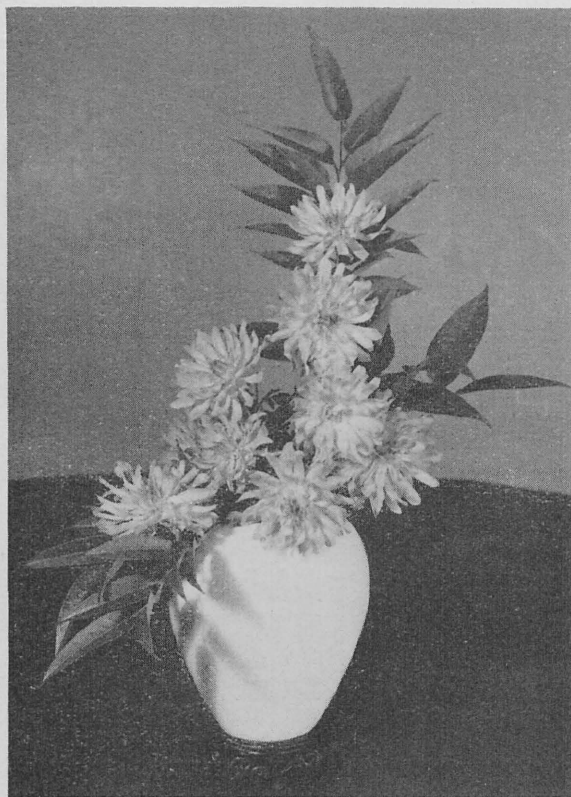
The pictures were so enjoyed, there is already a demand for their being shown at other Dahlia meetings.

Mr. J. S. Bluhm, President of the Central States Dahlia Society brought us the greetings from that great Society and then invited us to attend their Show at Chicago this fall. And by the way, this is one of the finest Shows in the land.

Because he travelled the greatest distance to attend the dinner, he was awarded the prize offered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, a plant each of their two 1939 introductions. Mr. Bluhm very graciously suggested that while in actual mileage he was entitled to recognition, he wished to defer to Oliver Shurtleff, who had to travel from Fairmont, West Virginia, by bus as compared with Mr. Bluhm's trip of four hours by air. A compromise was in the making, but Mr. Mohr insisted that plants would be given to both of our friends.

Mr. Shurtleff, our "poet laureate" of West Virginia and indeed a gifted after dinner speaker spoke on Dahlias and Dahlia personages in his most interesting manner and closed with a few words about Americanism that met instant response from the hundred or more present. Oliver's remarks about the "Star Spangled Banner" seemed to give our fine old anthem a new ring. Dahlias, real folk, cordiality and Americanism, who could ask for more?

(Continued on page 27)



Unique arrangement of BABY ROYAL prepared by Mrs. J. Radline. Judges awarded this entry a blue ribbon at the New York Show last fall.

Judging Dahlias by Analysis

By Alfred Cavannah, Beverly, Massachusetts

Judging Dahlias can never be done completely by the use of a mechanical formula. Nevertheless it can, and should be done methodically.

Every judge has certain likes and dislikes. This is natural and unavoidable. This natural phenomena is one of the hardest to suppress at the judging table. The judge is not there to pick out the one he likes best. His job is to pick out the one, which in his honest judgment is the best, without favor or prejudice. His decision should be reached by a process of cold analysis. This may sound harsh and forbidding, but it is not as bad as it seems to be.

The requirements for entries in all classes are usually set down specifically in the Show schedule. These are for the use of the judges, as well as for the entrant. The A. D. S. has adopted and published a list which classifies and describes accepted types of Dahlias. The A. D. S. has also adopted and printed an official score card. This score card may be purchased at a nominal charge from the secretary of the A. D. S. Use these cards for checking up the Dahlias in your garden. After a while you will find that you mentally analyze Dahlias without effort. The use of these formulas, plus a sound prac-

tical knowledge of Dahlias, form the basis of good judging.

In the time allowed for judging at the Show it is not practical or possible to score each entry by a close point system. However, the five fundamental characteristics, color, form, stem, substance, and size, should be carefully noted, and used as a basis for comparison. It is my opinion that stem and conformation to type are two important points which judges often fail to check sufficiently. Stems have always been a problem. It is not unusual to see beautiful specimen blooms with crotchky coarse stems which look like the stalk of a cabbage. These should be penalized by marking down.

Borderline varieties are another problem for the judge. These should be scored according to their conformity to the type represented at the time of judging. What the originator said it was matters not to the judge.

Elimination of entries which do not qualify is perhaps the first essential at judging time. Many protests would be avoided, and much time saved, if this were done first. I have seen judges spend lots of time checking the respective merits of entries which should have been disqualified in the first place. This happens most often, where size is an important factor. The miniature classes, the medium classes, and the pompons. The size limitations for these classes are clearly stated in the official classification. These requirements should be strictly adhered to.

In the seedling classes a comparison with existing varieties is important. Here we are striving for something new and better. When the class calls for arrangement, it can still be judged by analysis. If the schedule does not give proportional specifications, such as: flowers 50%, arrangement 50%, it might be well to use as a basis of comparison, bloom, color balance, arrangement. Whatever the class may be, there is a way to judge it, by marking it down from a standard of requirements, by a system of cold analysis.

Al Cavannah.

MID WEST SHOW—Cont. from p. 10

quarters, showed a very wonderful display. Our Vice-President, George Burkart, and fellow workers, Clarence Asman, Bill Litz, Tom Workman, and George Everson, all worked hard to make this outstanding display, and it was a great credit to their artistic ability. Featured in this exhibit was George Burkart's new introduction, *Apple Blossom*, one of the finest commercial varieties ever, and his *Miss Blue Water*, named in honor of the Blue Water Carnival, held annually at Port Huron. In addition to their display, and through the courtesy of Clarence Asman, we had the pleasure of the presence of Miss Blue Water, and her court, on the opening night of the Show. Miss Blue Water was chosen to represent the district, for the opening of the famous Blue Water International Bridge, opened in October connecting Canada and the United States, Samia and Port Huron. She and her court reigned over the festival for five days, and appeared at many fairs and celebrations throughout this country and Canada, and their presence at our Show, created a near riot.

Bruce Collins.

Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

By Oliver Shurtleff

Secretary, West Virginia Dahlia Society
Vice-President, American Dahlia Society

1264 Bryant Street, Fairmont, W. Va.

"They sho' do!"

They who and do what?

This article will attempt to answer the above odd question.

It was my pleasure to be invited last fall to act as one of the judges for the Alabama State Dahlia Show which was held in the fine city of Birmingham. As a result of that trip I am now ready to declare that "they sho' do raise fine Dahlias in the southland." But I'm not telling you so much about the Dahlias. One may find Dahlias almost anywhere and, besides, most people know more about Dahlias than I do. I want to introduce to the readers of THE AMERICAN DAHLIA BULLETIN, two new Dahlia personalities.

I present Norman Lefkovits, President of the Alabama Dahlia Society and Dr. H. C. Rike, Show Chairman of the same Society. Mr. Lefkovits is a merchant but during Dahlia Show time shoes and sox and pills and plasters are all forgotten by our friends. But the devotion of these men to their Society and to their Show is equivalent to an iron clad guarantee for a successful Show. And that is just what they had last fall down in Alabama.

I think neither man slept during the whole week before Show time. What with the weather, looking after their own flowers, attending to Show duties and seeing after the judges and Show visitors—there wasn't much time for sleeping, and their interest in all phases of the Show was personal rather than professional. People do like a personal interest.

After the Show a group of Show visitors made a trip to the Alabama Test Gardens. And this trip was under the personal charge of my two new Dahlia friends. They weren't too busy for that extra responsibility.

Dr. Rike takes most of the Dahlia prizes at the Alabama Show but the Show is not a one man Show by any manner of means. He doesn't take them all. He gets his share of the awards, after hard competition. He has to because the competition is hard. Good Dahlias and good Dahlia growers make for that type of competition.

These two men are just as attractive in their homes as they are in the Dahlia game, with this difference. In the Show room they are after you; in their homes they give of their splendid hospitality. But as far as I am concerned they may have my blue ribbon for a visit to their homes. I spent a while in both homes. I was treated much better than I deserved!

Out at Norman's home we had refreshments and Dahlia talk; over at Dr. Rike's home we had refreshments and—Dahlia talk. Mr. Lefkovits has a cloth house and

A Department Devoted to the Idea that Worth While Achievement in the Dahlia World Should Be Recognized, Even Tho' The Achiever is Not Often in the Headlines in the Dahlia Magazines.

that cloth house was the home of some of the finest blooms I have seen anywhere. And I saw the finest growing patch of miniatures at the home of Dr. Rike that I have ever seen. The bushes were tall and clean and profusely beautiful with flowers. I understand that Mrs. Rike does all the work on these miniatures. I wouldn't be a bit surprised!

I don't belong to the Dahlia Society of Alabama. My only connection with the organization is that of a sincere well-wisher, but even at that, I am going to invite the American Dahlia Society to send official representatives to the 1939 Alabama Dahlia Show. I want them to meet Lefkovits and Rike, the Dahlia twins of Alabama. Acquaintanceship with them is desirable and worth while.

These two men are such good Dahlia friends that they "cuss" each other.

• • •

The West Virginia Flower Pageant

Our Cover Illustration

By C. M. Roberts

Superintendent West Virginia Trial Garden

Each year the West Virginia Dahlia Society presents an added attraction to the Dahlia Show which is unique as an offering at a Flower Show and one that, perhaps, no other Dahlia Show offers.

This added attraction is a flower pageant and is given each year under the title: "THE COURT OF FLOWERS." The "Court" is made up of a ruling queen, her Princesses and the Ambassadors to the "Court." One of the 1938 court scenes is shown in the photograph shown on the cover of this BULLETIN.

The title of the play for 1938 was "The Coming of The Dahlia; A Play For The Queen." The play was presented in four episodes. Two of these episodes were shown in Mexico, one in Sweden and one in the Dahlia world at large. Appropriate music and ceremonies accompanied each of the episodes. A capacity house saw the presentation of the pageant.

The play was written and presented by Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary of the West Virginia Dahlia Society. Mr. Shurtleff is already working on the plans for the 1939 "Court of Flowers" pageant. For 1939 the plans call for a huge out-door play. It is planned to stage this year's play in Rosier Field at Fairmont State College.

Any time is a good time to visit Fairmont, West Virginia but a little the best time is Dahlia Show time. Come to Fairmont. See the Dahlia Show and the "COURT OF FLOWERS."

The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



"The Society is formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia; to establish a standard nomenclature; to test out new varieties and give them such recognition as they deserve; to study the diseases of the dahlia and find remedies for same, and to disseminate information relating to this flower; to secure uniformity in awarding prizes at flower shows, and to give exhibitions when deemed advisable."

LYNN B. DUDLEY, *President*

18 Interlaken Drive, Tuckahoe, New York

C. LOUIS ALLING, *Secretary and Treasurer*

251 Court Street, West Haven, Connecticut

GORDON F. WAASER, *Vice-President and Editor*

269 South Grand Avenue, Baldwin, New York

Editorial

The volume of correspondence following the November issue of the BULLETIN is evidence of the fact that our members are greatly interested in the names of varieties which win at the Shows. That issue contained perhaps, more of this information than any Dahlia medium has ever presented in a single publication.

In the present issue, the selections for Honor Rolls are chronicled as well as the informative articles on European novelties by our good friends G. F. Drayson and E. E. Carlee.

Catalog time is here—you will find material help in your selections by perusing carefully these Honor Rolls and reviewing the winnings at the Fall Shows.

JUDGING is another topic of interest. Several societies plan to conduct judging schools and the A. D. S. is discussing such a project. Many have written the Editor of their views—why not add yours. Constructive suggestions are always in order.

Max Schling, dean of American florists presented one of the most stirring and inspirational addresses it has been our pleasure to listen to. The occasion was the mid winter dinner of the A. D. S.

Recognized as the foremost authority on floral arrangement, Mr. Schling pleaded that we pay more attention to the utility of the Dahlia, emphasizing that folk of average or small means are hungry for some flowers

they can afford to buy. Miniatures fill this need and should be grown in abundance.

It would not be a bad idea for all of us to resolve that fewer of our blooms would be allowed to die on the bushes this year. Let us spread the joy and happiness that Dahlias offer and at the same time give to our flower the very best possible publicity. One bouquet will do more to endear the Dahlia than a flock of written articles.

• • •

NEW VARIETY REGISTRATIONS

Application has been made, with the customary fee of \$1.00 to register the following name. If no prior rights exist, and there is no objection within a reasonable length of time, registration will be considered made.

KILGORE'S GOLDEN BEAUTY. By Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens, Winona, West Virginia. Formal decorative. Golden yellow sport of *Jersey's Beauty*.

PATTIE LU. By R. Paul Comstock, San Diego, California. Informal decorative. White with tinge of yellow.

Please address all enquiries in reference to registrations to the chairman of our Nomenclature Committee, Dr. Charles H. Connors, New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station, New Brunswick, N. J. Make checks and money orders payable to the American Dahlia Society.

C. Bradford Brown

Englewood, N. J., Dahliaists lost one of the most diligent workers in the passing of Mr. Brown on December 31st. He was a most enthusiastic amateur grower and served as Secretary of the Englewood Dahlia Society for many years. He was a familiar figure at all its meetings as well as those of the A. D. S., in fact anywhere it was possible for him to spread the word about the flower he loved.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, also his brother, Prof. C. Merrill Brown of the Department of Chemistry, Buffalo, N. Y. To these and others of the bereft, the A. D. S. extends sincere sympathy. Prof. Brown is well known for his Dahlia activities and owes his interest to his brothers persuasion.

Nathan A. Miller

Nathan A. Miller passed to his reward on February 10th and the Dahlia world has lost one of its oldest figures and a real Dahlia fan. He had grown Dahlias for more than sixty years in and around Branford, Conn. He was engaged in manufacturing work for a livelihood but Dahlias were his hobby and he never missed an opportunity to talk about them.

For the past few years he and Mrs. Miller had resided at the Masonic Home in Wallingford, Conn., where he continued to follow his hobby and his Dahlia gardens was one of the bright spots of the grounds at the home. Mr. Miller was one of our all too few surviving charter members. He was in his 85th year and is survived by his widow, two sons, a daughter and several grandchildren, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.



MAD. C. JUSSIANT—Beautiful Cactus. Light Clear Lilac Violet. Selected as the Laureat of the best Belgium Novelty 1938. Also high French and Holland awards. Introducer, E. Nagels, Wilryck, Belgium.

How Do You Judge Seedlings?

That question is asked time and again. I suppose there are as many ways as there are growers of seedlings.

Is any originator a good judge of his own seedlings? Probably not at first. His first seedlings are mighty fine in his own eyes because he originated them.

Will other growers think so? Will they say? "I want some of that as soon as you release it."

One grower says he looks at his seedlings and wonders if he would pay ten dollars for any of them. If he comes to the conclusion he wouldn't he does not save them. That certainly is one way.

Of course everybody knows the requirements of a good Dahlia so it is unnecessary to go into that.

It seems the easiest and safest way is to have as many of the best Dahlias in the garden as possible. If the grower cannot afford to have the very latest have some of the best of two or three years back. Grow your seedlings in between these proven Dahlias. You can compare them day after day.

Some that looked good in your seedling patch may be a disappointment when they can be so easily compared. If they give promise try them again. The third year they may be better.

If possible have some professional growers look at them. You know they will look at them in terms of dollars and cents.

If your seedling passes this test it stands a good chance at the Trial Gardens.

The stock that you have can be used for another purpose. They can be used as seeders.

Dr. F. J. Peck, Ansonia, Connecticut.

Mid West Trial Ground—Cont. from p. 16

curved; flower facing. Habit of growth vigorous, bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in. Substance good. Height of plants 3 ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Stake No. 106. SEEDLING 385. Informal Decorative. Score 83 E. Entered by Locust Valley Dahlia Farm, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. Color light greenish-yellow showing at base, overcast lightly rhodamine purple. General color effect mallow pink with golden highlights. Flowering habit good. Date of first bloom Sept. 15th. Stem 4-9 in., thick, stiff, strong, straight, green; flowers erect to $\frac{3}{4}$ facing. Habit of growth erect, branching. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in., depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Substance very good. Height of plants 4 ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Stake No. 108. SEEDLING 392. Miniature Formal Decorative. Score 82.3 S. Entered by Locust Valley Dahlia Farm, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. Color sulfur yellow overcast scarlet, general color effect is light scarlet. Flowering habit fair to poor. Date of first bloom Aug. 22nd. Stem 6 in., strong, stiff, dark, straight to somewhat curved; flower erect. Habit of growth bushy, branching, branches ascending to spreading. Health excellent. Diameter of flowers $3\frac{3}{4}$ in., depth $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. Substance excellent. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 ft. Remarks: Good red cut flower but should be more productive.

Stake No. 110. NO. 393. Formal Decorative. Bicolor. Score 80.3 C. Entered by Locust Valley Dahlia Farm, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. Color almost white with margins of scarlet suffusing through white bank from base of floret. Flowering habit poor. First bloom Aug. 25th. Stem $2\frac{1}{4}$ -3 in., short, curved, weak; flowers erect on stem but hangs. Habit of growth slightly branching, erect. Health good. Some leaf hopper injury. Diameter of flowers $4\frac{1}{2}$ -5 in., depth $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 in. Substance good. Height of plants $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread 2 ft. Remarks: Very good flower on a very poor stem.

Stake No. 115. SEEDLING 44-1933. Formal Decorative. Score 80.5 E. Entered by Rainbow Gardens, Baldwin, L. I., N. Y. Color light greenish-yellow, lightly tinted mallow-pink. General color effect light autumn or old gold. Flowering habit fair to good. Date of first bloom Sept. 2nd. Stem 8-10 in., curved, soft at first, becoming hard and stiff, but curved with flower hanging due to weight while stem is soft. Habit of growth erect, branching above. Health good. Diameter of flowers $7\frac{1}{2}$ -8 in., depth $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 in. Substance good. Height of plants $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

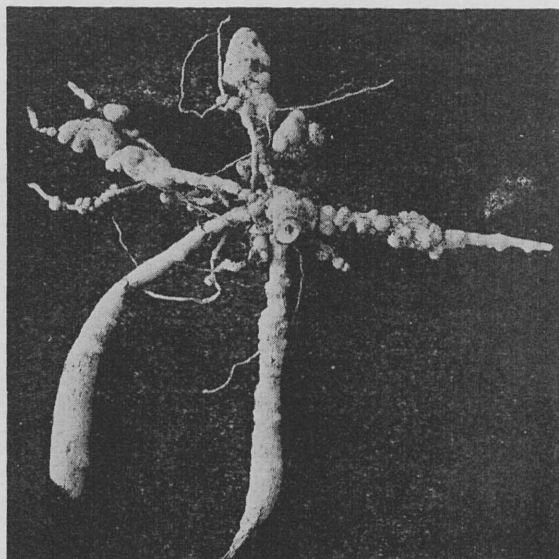
Stake No. 117. LITTLE BING. Miniature Formal Decorative. Score 83 S. Entered by Brazil Dahlia Farm, R. 6, Box 307, Indianapolis, Indiana. Color rose-red (approaching scarlet). Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 8th. Stem $5\frac{1}{2}$ -12 in., strong, stiff, straight, wiry; flowers erect to $\frac{1}{2}$ facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching. Health good. Diameter of flowers $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in., depth $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. Substance excellent. Height 3 ft. Spread 2 ft. Remarks: Good commercial.

Stake No. 124. ABORICULTURA. Informal Decorative. Score 82 E. 82.6 C. Entered by J. G. Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland. Color sulphur yellow lightly overcast scarlet. General color effect autumn. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 29th. Stem 4-9 in., stiff, straight, dark; flower half facing. Habit of growth bushy, branching, plant erect. Health very good. Diameter of flowers 5-9 in., depth 2-5 in. Substance good. Height 4 ft. Spread 3 ft. Remarks: Unusual color. Throws open centers.

Stake No. 126. SEEDLING NO. 1. Formal Decorative. Score 83 E. 83.2 C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. General color description dark autumn. Technical description greenish-yellow suffused scarlet, much less scarlet on reverse. Flowering habit very good. Date of first bloom Aug. 20th. Stem 6-14 in., straight to bowed, stiff, strong, except at base. Weak base causes tendency for flowers to hang down. Habit of growth bushy, branching. Diameter of flowers $6\frac{1}{2}$ -7 in., depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 in. Substance good. Height of plants $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Spread $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Remarks: Good commercial.

SUSCEPTIBILITY OF DAHLIAS TO ROOT KNOT INJURY

Robert Schmidt, Associate Horticulturist
N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station



Root Knot injury to Dahlia Roots.

The root knot nematode has long been a serious pest in the garden soils of the south. Most of the vegetable crops and a great many fruits and flowers are seriously damaged by it. Root knot is most troublesome in sandy soils and under hot, dry weather conditions. The disease appears as irregular swellings and knots on the roots, and in severe cases causes stunting and sometimes death of the plant.

The Dahlia, unfortunately for the many ardent Dahlia enthusiasts of the south, is one of the susceptible crops. The fact that most of the old garden soils have become infected with root knot is an added disadvantage, and no doubt has been an important source of trouble to amateur Dahlia growers.

For several years the writer has had an opportunity to observe the behavior of a number of varieties of Dahlias when grown in infected soils and under conditions favorable to the disease. There appears to be a decided difference in the severity of infection of the various varieties when exposed to such conditions. Some varieties are very susceptible while others are extremely resistant, although probably not immune. This difference in susceptibility is not surprising since it is known that varieties of sweet potatoes also vary greatly in this respect.

The following varieties have been under observation and are grouped according to severity of infection. In case of the varieties listed under the heading "severe" the tuberous roots and sometimes the crowns were badly

knotted and distorted. In case of the varieties listed under the heading "light," the large tuberous roots were mostly smooth and clean but there was occasionally some infection of the small rootlets.

Severe

Aiko, Karl Bonawitz, Shahrazade, Dwight W. Morrow, Congressman Wolverton, Frau O'Bracht, Buckeye Bride, Miss Elsie Jane, Franz Berger, Mother Maytrott, Treasure Island, Prince of Persia, Eagle Rock Fantasy, Kathleen Norris, Dee Dee (pompon), Fascination (pompon), Marshall's Pink, Pride of America.

Moderate

Mrs. I de Ver Warner, Mary Ellen, Monmouth Champion, Cigarette, Jersey's Beauty, Orchid Lady, Clara Carder, Kentucky, Jane Ross, Full Moon, Blue Train, Morning Mist (pompon).

Light

Jane Cowl, Fort Monmouth, Jean Trimbee, City of Trenton, White Wonder, Alice Whittier, Lady Moyra Ponsonby, Mrs. Bruce Collins, Robert Emmet, Ida Perkins, Man O' War, Kentucky Red, Long Hill, Dancing Sultana, Monmouth Radiance, Satan, Fordhook Marvel, Little Edith (pompon), Gertrude (pompon), Atom (pompon), Yankee King, Cape May, Josephine G.

There is no good remedy except soil sterilization and that is too expensive and impractical under field conditions. Growing immune crops in rotation, such as grains and grasses, will help reduce the nematode population. If possible, select a clean piece of land for your Dahlias. If not, avoid varieties that are known to be very susceptible to root knot.

• • •

A NEW YEAR IN A. D. S.—Cont. from p. 4

Gardens. The charge is the same, here as in the Trial Grounds, \$3.00 per variety—five plants or roots to be sent, in addition to the three sent for trial in regular Trial Grounds. The charge there is also \$3.00 per variety.

But in either garden this amount is nominal—and never covers the cost of actual work done for the variety.

1939

So we say this promises to be a banner A. D. S. year. We may make mistakes, but we trust they will be minor. Will do the very best we know how to make more friends for the Dahlia and make all members and friends of the A. D. S. more friendly and understanding of the joys of Dahlia culture. We ask for the continued coöperation of all our members in the year ahead. We know we can count on you—and you—and you.

• • •

New York Show September 26th-27th at Park Central Hotel

The 1939 Show will be held in the very beautiful Ball Room of the Park Central Hotel on September 26th-27th. Nearby societies are requested to avoid conflict in arranging their Show dates. Further details will be announced in our May BULLETIN.

A. D. S. Meeting January 21, 1939

The first mid winter annual meeting of the Society, as provided by the change in our By-Laws of September 20th, was held at the Hotel Shelton, New York City, Saturday afternoon, January 21st. A very fine group of Dahlia "fans" were present when the meeting was called to order by our President at about 2:30.

The minutes of the September meeting were omitted as they had been published in our November BULLETIN. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, C. Louis Alling, showed a very substantial gain in membership during the year and the finances in good condition despite the tropical hurricane which had caused a severe cut in our Show gate. Six new Branch, or Participating Societies had been recruited during the year with nearly five hundred new participating members. There had also been six new affiliated societies.

President Dudley read a very interesting letter from the Reverend E. L. Knight of Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y., commenting on the very fine memorial of Dahlias for the late Leonard Barron which was staged at the Rockville Centre Show.

Chairman Edward Lloyd of our Show Committee reported that several locations were being considered for our 1939 Show and it was hoped to reach a definite decision soon. September 26th and 27th having been the tentative dates selected which were subject to change if these dates were not available in the location selected.

Prof. Patch gave a most interesting report on the Storrs Trial Garden and commented on the first failure of the garden in its many years of existence. Heavy rains had been experienced throughout the entire summer curtailing the growth of the plants until about the time of our Field Day on September 10th when they were making a very good recovery, although the plants were still rather small at that time. On September 21st they were visited by the worst tropical hurricane in our history and Storrs being directly in the path of the storm suffered very severely. Even the labels were blown from the stakes and the gardens were a total loss making compiling of any records impossible. They were now looking forward to the 1939 season when they hope to perform as they had done in the past. A new building program made a change in the location of the gardens necessary but a very fine piece of land not far from the former gardens had been selected.

The Secretary read portions of a very fine letter from Mr. Raymond Moffett of the Ohio Valley Trial Gardens indicating much enthusiasm there and plans for widening its scope in the future.

Al Schuster, Chairman of the Prize Committee, gave a final report of the prize finances which was accepted and was followed by Conrad Frey who spoke of the plan for a judges' school which is outlined elsewhere in this issue. Prof. Patch said they would be pleased to put on a demonstration of point scoring at the Trial Gardens on our next Field Day which is to be September 9th.

Warren Maytrott presented a set of resolutions pertaining to our registration system. These were adopted

as read and will also be found elsewhere in this number. Mrs. Frieda Fisher of our Life and Sustaining Membership Committee reported that action had been taken by the Executive Board suspending the portion of our By-Laws pertaining to life memberships and that we would accept these memberships at our former rate of \$25 for the balance of the year. The sustaining membership to remain at its present \$5 minimum.

Mrs. Albert Humble gave an interesting report on the work of the Educational Committee and suggested that inasmuch as many of the children did not understand the culture of Dahlia seed and their variability that it might be well to discontinue the distribution of seed and substitute roots of the smaller types instead. She asked for contributions of such roots from anyone who might have a surplus at the conclusion of the planting season.

E. E. Tooker gave some interesting information about the Trial and Test Garden at Storrs and it is expected that we will have more reports on the results of the experiments there for publication in the BULLETIN shortly. This was followed by an interesting informal discussion on Dahlia matters by the group present and the meeting adjourned at about 5:00 P. M.

C. Louis Alling, Secretary.

Geneva Beauty Blooms Continuously for Nineteen Months

An unusual sight is to be seen in a garden on East 14th Street, San Leandro. The garden in question belongs to Dr. Luther Michael, one of the oldest Dahlia fans in this part of California. In May of 1937 he planted amongst other Dahlia roots a root of *Geneva Beauty*, a Dahlia sent him by a friend. This Dahlia has been blooming continuously ever since—nineteen months of continuously blooming. Is this a record? I have not heard of any Dahlia blooming two years in succession and all through the winter months at that. It seems that we are on the verge of a new race of Dahlias, perpetual flowering. Dr. Michael is a Dahlia enthusiast and is very proud of this Dahlia and shows it to all his friends.

Charles Garrity, San Leandro.

Editor's Note—This variety introduced by O. B. Geer, Geneva, Ohio, has received many commendations by specialists in cut flower varieties.

A. D. S. DINNER—Cont. from p. 21

And so President Dudley rang down the curtain until our next, but not before paying tribute to the work of the committee, most particularly to Dewey Mohr, who worked unceasingly many weeks but turned in a grand job. Two hundred and fifty present next year says Dewey!



RICHARD KLIMPT—Huge rich Red Informal which may rival Murphy's Masterpiece. Complete description on page 9.

DAHLIAS IN ENGLAND—Cont. from p. 19

tively dwarf free branching habit of growth and produce blooms instead of the rank foliage seen in so many large flowered varieties.

I always read with great interest any Dahlia literature that I receive from abroad, and I note with great pleasure the increasing space which is being devoted to small flowering Dahlias in U. S. A., and the large number of varieties that are being raised there. As yet, however, so far as I am aware, only one of these varieties, *Grace Gulliver*, is to be found in our gardens. This is remarkable in view of the popularity in England of so many large flowered American varieties.

Readers may be interested to learn which are our best varieties. I therefore select the following from the great number of really good ones that are available:

DECORATIVE: *Christine* (pink and rose on a yellow ground); *Beechfield White*; *Verity Wadsworth* (yellow); *Crimson Flag*; *Selbourne* (fiery scarlet); *Poppy* (bronzy red); *Glorious* (raspberry red); *Hockley Gem* (apricot tinted rose); *Towneley Welcome* (rose on yellow ground); *Basuto* (crimson); *Herlinde* (salmon); *Cardiff Beauty* (carmine claret).

CACTUS AND SEMI-CACTUS: *Joan* (rosy cerise); *Baby Royal* (pink on yellow ground); *Robin* (red); *Pink Gem*; *Little Pearl* (rose pink); *Little Snow Queen* (white); *Marjorie Emberson* (soft pink); *Winnifred* (orange scarlet); *Honeybird* (honey with yellow centre); *Peaceful* (a large peach pink *Baby Royal*); *Tony* (an orange *Baby Royal*); *Jamboree* (rosy lilac).

PAEONY FLOWERED: *Bishop of Llandaff* (bright crimson); *Towneley Cheer* (golden flame, cerise base); *Sara Peach* (salmon pink); *Newport Gem* (scarlet); *Dawn* (yellow bronze with scarlet base); *Morning Glow* (orange-scarlet with yellow disc); *Dorothy Russell* (red);

Our Mary (salmon peach); *Dame A. Godman* (flame pink to salmon).

It may be remarked that many seedlings have been raised from that wonderful variety *Baby Royal*, but it has been found that most of them soon deteriorate and become almost single. There are indeed many stocks of *Baby Royal* itself that exhibit this failing. The variety *Morning Glow* deserves longer notice than that given above, for it is one of the most brilliant of all Dahlias, and our nurserymen use it frequently in masses of 20 or 30 blooms to give that vivid touch of colour which adds so much to a trade stand.

The mignon or Coltness Dahlias continue to be grown very extensively in England. As they grow only about eighteen inches high they require no stakes. The following are some of our best varieties: *Coltness Gem* (scarlet); *Scarlet Gem* (brighter and dwarfer than *Coltness Gem*); *Mrs. William Clarke* (cerise red, suffused bronze); *H. J. Jones* (yellow); *Murillo* (ruby violet with purple centre); *Lady Eileen* (pink with darker centre); *Princess Marie Jose* (pale pink); *L'Innocence* (white); *Brentwood Bedder* (double red).

Pompon Dahlias have been popular in England for very many years and show no signs of losing favour. It is a remarkable fact that some of the varieties that have been on the market for decades still rank amongst the best; examples are *Glow*, *Girly*, *Bacchus*, *Clarissa*, *Nerissa*, *Little Beeswing*, *Ideal* and *Johnny*. Compare this with the short life of most of our modern giant varieties, many of which show marked signs of deterioration within five or six years of introduction.

Although I have mentioned a very large number of varieties there is one other which, in view of the great interest taken in America in bicoloured Dahlias, cannot be omitted. I refer to *Deuil du Roi Albert*, a medium sized purple tipped white variety of decorative form which has been outstanding during the last two seasons.

American readers will sympathise with us in the sad loss that we have sustained through the death of Mr. D. B. Crane, for a number of years our highly competent chairman of committee. He was a retired businessman who for many years had devoted his leisure to horticulture. His place as chairman has been taken by Mr. J. B. Riding, the best known overseas of our Dahlia specialists. A great importer of new varieties from abroad, he has done far more than any other nurseryman to introduce the best American Dahlias to English gardens.

• • •

APOLOGIA

At the New York Show in Class 307, Section G, five blooms miniature cactus, incurved, straight or semi-cactus, undissected—*Rialside Babe* of Rialside Dahlia Gardens, Beverly, Massachusetts, should have been reported as winning the blue ribbon.

• • •

Dahlia Society of Michigan

With the date of the Mid West Show established as September 23rd and 24th, the Show of the Dahlia Society of Michigan will be held on September 16th and 17th in the General Motors Building, Detroit.

SCHOOL FOR JUDGES PROPOSED

"Many of our older judges have passed away and there are not sufficient new ones coming along to take their places." Thus spoke Mr. Conrad Frey, Chairman of our Judges' Committee at our January meeting. Mr. Frey went on further to say that it was not unusual to receive a half dozen invitations to judge at different Shows on a September week end.

There is an urgent need for more real Dahlia enthusiasts to help along with this work if the future success of our Shows is to be assured. A judges' school for the instruction of new judges seemed to be the answer to this problem. Plans could be worked out whereby week end tours to the gardens of some of our members who have early flowers could be made and instructions given by capable persons on the various points of judging. By the time the Shows are at hand these people would then be competent to work on the teams with some of our more experienced judges where they would receive further instructions. This would make for more uniform and standardized judging for which we all realize there has been a crying need.

There would of necessity be some expense attached to such a plan and a nominal entrance fee would have to be charged. Twenty members at the meeting indicated their desire to enter such a school and we feel sure there are many more who would like to do so.

The possibility of sending these instructions out in multigraphed form to our long distance members was also considered. Mr. Conrad Frey was appointed chairman of a committee to formulate plans for such a school and will be pleased to hear from any members interested in participating and will also welcome suggestions as to how the plans may best be carried out. Mr. Frey may be addressed at 245 High Street, Nutley, N. J.

Nomenclature of the Dahlia

The American Dahlia Society being the National Society composed of members who are interested in this plant naturally assumes leadership in matters pertaining to this plant. There has existed and still exists a great deal of confusion in the use of names. In order to overcome this confusion, insofar as it is possible, the Society has been endeavoring to maintain a list of all Dahlias that are current in gardens. Included in this, the Society maintains an official register, which amounts to a virtual copyright of a name registered, at least among those who are adherents of the American Dahlia Society. It is expected that in a new issue of Standardized Plant Names or in a separate issue by the American Dahlia Society, there will appear a check list of Dahlias known to be in commerce. Every member of the Society should have a copy of this as a basis, and by adding to this list new varieties as they are registered, a complete list may be maintained. The Society will maintain as complete a check list as possible of varieties current in this country. As varieties disappear from commerce, after a sufficient time has elapsed, the names will be stricken tentatively from the roll. If after publication, no protest is filed within one year, the name will be released for use.

In order to avoid confusion and to endeavor to bring order into the naming of varieties of this popular flower, the following rules have been adopted by the Committee on Nomenclature and approved by the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society.

Rules for Naming Dahlias

1. Before a name is assigned to a new variety of Dahlias, the committee on nomenclature should be consulted to learn if the name proposed is now in use.
2. No Dahlia variety will be registered under a name which has been given to a variety known to be currently in commerce.
3. No Dahlia variety will be registered under a name which is that of a living person unless evidence is submitted that the person so honored has given permission to use the name.
4. The fee for registration shall be \$1.00.
5. Varieties that have received a score of 85 or more in the official Trial Gardens of the American Dahlia Society will automatically be registered at no additional charge, provided a name is submitted that is valid.

Timely Suggestions for the Dahlia Grower

Talking to a friend the other evening . . . "How are your Dahlia roots keeping?"

"Tubers feel fine—good and solid."

How about the crowns?

We'll wait to see about that!

Is this your experience? Better check up—NOW is the time to do it. Some Dahlia roots shrivel in storage because of conditions too dry or too warm. Others may develop stem rot. The finest plump root is useless if the crown containing the all important eye is decaying.

Look at your clumps. If they are shrivelling, transfer them to boxes containing moist soil. Surprising how nicely some of those roots will fill out in a few weeks.

If there is evidence of stem rot, trim the crowns right down to the clean fleshy part—dust well with lime and sulphur; allow to dry thoroughly before packing again. Some clumps may be doing just fairly well but show signs that they may not carry over the remaining months. In such cases transfer to boxes of moist sand (not wet).

Check over and repair any damaged stakes and procure an additional supply (a real Dahlia hobbyist adds to his planting each year).

Good time now to replace washers in hose, repair leaking sections. A little sharpening up and oiling the lawn mower and pruning shears is in order. Check all washers and connections in spray can and nozzle.

If available, spread a moderate application of cow manure over the Dahlia plot to be turned in early in spring.

These details may seem of little consequence, but when planting season arrives we are usually glad if we avoid the interruptions that these little faults can make.

A Dahlia Reverie

Now that the stress and tear of the exhibiting season is over the Dahlia fan likes to review the past season and make plans for the coming season, and examine those, which, in his mind, he has hoped to procure for his collection in the coming season, but a lot of us are not privileged to be able to visit a great many gardens and therefore are dependent on the descriptions furnished by those who are more fortunate in being able to visit a greater number of gardens and seeing them in their native haunts. We on the Pacific coast look eagerly forward to the reports in the various papers and magazines. They are sometimes very confusing and in trying to pick out the best we sometimes make big blunders. The question is, do some growers overrate, or do they over-propagate, or is it the temperamental disposition of the Dahlia that cause so many feelings of disgust when such and such a flower comes into bloom. Growers on the Pacific coast are inclined to think that the eastern growers are inclined to over-propagate, and as a result many of those flowers that make the Honor Roll when grown here do not live up to their previous reputation thus causing many a grower to go sour on the eastern varieties. Our experience is that many of the eastern varieties do better the second season, but this may be due to climatic conditions, although we are inclined to think that the vitality of the variety has been impaired by over-propagation. The trial gardens in different parts of our country gives us a pretty good idea of the growing activities of those particular varieties that have been tried in those gardens, yet even many of them when disseminated have not lived up to their descriptions given by the various reporters, and when one pays a high price for a root it naturally sours one's interest. Again this high price is necessary because of the extensive propagation carried on by commercial growers. I think that a lot of the disappointments arrived from mishandling. The Dahlias from this particular section are sometimes not dug until January. They are sent back east and at once placed in a heated propagating box, and naturally nothing results, in the first place, the root has not been cured plenty and by placing it on the propagation bench it does not function right. I have sent roots back to growers of repute where there is no question of their capability, and they have been returned and in a few weeks are growing fine, what is the answer? Am I right in my supposition that the roots have not been properly cured?

I have been asked on several occasions, are the roots from cuttings as good for bearing exhibition blooms as those from roots. So I decided to try them out. I received pot roots from Great Britain and Holland, and individual roots from Australia. The first year the flowers were equally as good but the following year those from cuttings were inferior to the others, and furthermore the roots did not keep as well under the same conditions. I also tried this same method on roots procured at home and I found that the results were the same.

While admitting that some varieties are far more robust than others and that climatic conditions may have some bearing on the subject, I think there is room for more observation on this subject, and would like to hear

what other growers' opinions and experiences are. Maybe its prejudice on my part, still I think this matter is worth considering, and would like to see some comments on the subject in the A. D. S. BULLETIN. Trusting that I have not intruded too much on your time.

Charles Garrity, San Leandro, California.

The Blue Dahlia

I wander through my garden,
With its Dahlias of every hue;
Dahlias of Red and Yellow,
But never a Dahlia of Blue.
I've Dahlias of Lilac and Purple,
Of Violet and Lavender too.
Dahlias of Orange and Scarlet,
But never a Dahlia of Blue.
I've Dahlias of shades and colors,
And blends and bi-colors a few;
To fill out the charts of "Ridgeway,"
But never a Dahlia of Blue.
As I thumb the pages through;
Which thrill me with expectation,
But they all lack the color of Blue.
But sooner or later there'll be one(?)
There's Blue Gem and Blue Train in the catalog,
In color and texture true;
To this end the breeders are working,
But will this Dahlia be Blue(?)

*C. P. Miller, Miller Gardens,
Richmond, Virginia.*

Win That Prize

WITH

ZANT'S

BLUE RIBBON

ROOTS and PLANTS

Michigan's Best

Fully Described In Our 32 Page

Illustrated Catalogue

Money Saving Collections

ZANT'S Wildwood Gardens

MICHIGAN'S MODEL DAHLIA FARM

Box A

Grand Rapids, Michigan

The Mid West Dahlia Conference

The annual winter meeting of the Mid West Dahlia Conference was held at the Hotel Indiana, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Saturday evening, January 28th. Representatives were present from the following Societies—Ohio, Ohio Valley, Kentucky, Indiana, Central States and Michigan.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio extended an invitation to hold the 1939 Mid West Show in Cleveland, Ohio. The invitation was accepted and Mr. John Strassen, Austinburg, Ohio, was elected President and Mrs. R. H. Howells, Dover Center, Ohio, was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year. The date of the Show was established as September 23rd and 24th.

After a great deal of discussion, it was voted that the designation of the location of Mid West Shows could be made one or two years in advance if such an invitation was extended. This action will give the Society sponsoring the Show more time in which to make preparation.

Mr. W. H. Swift, President of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, extended the invitation of his Society to hold the 1940 Mid West Show in Louisville, Kentucky. It was voted to accept this invitation for 1940.

Mr. Barton W. Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan, was appointed by President Strassen as a Committee of One to draft a Standard Premium Schedule for all Mid West Shows, to be presented to the member societies for their consideration and to be acted upon at the 1939 meeting of the Conference at Cleveland.

President Strassen advised the Conference that Ohio was preparing to stage the largest Mid West Show that had ever been held. Classes will be available to suit everybody, and competition will be very keen.

Make your plans, now, to show at Cleveland.

Tom M. Place.

Long Island Men's Dahlia Association to Dine

Another Dr. Preas party is being planned, which, interpreted means a gala time just in the offing. For who has ever attended one of these gatherings and leaving, felt it had not been good to be there?

Something pervades the atmosphere and seems to transform a hundred men from all points of the compass into one happy enthusiastic family.

The food is always temptingly delicious and this is again assured by the selection of the Garden City Hotel, Garden City, L. I., as the meeting place. This hotel is noted for its fine cuisine.

Dr. Preas may be depended upon to spring something new and original at each of these dinner. What has he up his sleeve for us this time? Your reporter failed to find out so you had better be on hand to learn for yourself.

The date is March 18th, 7:00 P. M. This is the closing day of the International Flower Show at New York.

Please understand this dinner is for men interested in Dahlias—regardless as to where you reside. It's a great party, men, if you can possibly journey here drop Dr. Bruce B. Preas a line for information and reservations. His address: Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

400 DAHLIAS LISTED

MICHIGAN'S BEST GUARANTEED ROOTS and PLANTS

Special Root Collection, A. American Legion, Ann Benedict, California Rose, Clara Carder, Cornelia B. Pinchot, Daughter of Venus, Froliche Pfals, Golden Standard, Hunt's Velvet Wonder, Jerome Kern, Judge S. Seabury, Kaweah, Lemonia, Tannenber, The Wolverine.

Any 8 roots \$4; all 16 roots \$7.50

Exhibitor's Special, Collection B. American Purity, Bernice Geer, Curly Locks, Dream Beauty, Broomall's Pink, Golden Beauty, Jimmie Foxx, Kilgore's King, Leland Stanford, Peace, Sheldon's Louise, Volcano.

Any 5 roots \$7.50 or all 12 roots \$18 with root of Primrose "Free"

Plants. Win a prize with these "Giants." Carl Dahl, George Wallace, Mad River Chief, Monarch of the East, Mrs. William Knudson.

All 5 plants only \$6.50

**Wanted—Dahlia fans ask for my
36 page book**

SPRINGHILL DAHLIA FARM

R. F. D. 2, Box A Grand Rapids, Michigan

MRS. C. J. SOWTON, Inf. Dec. (Sowton)
**Cinnamon Pink—The sensational new and
artistic Dahlia monstrosity from Australia
Strong Plants \$2.50**

**Little Colonel, Min. S.-C. (1939 Galloway-
Parrella). Soft pink with pleasing yellow cen-
ter. A. D. S. Certificate of Merit winner 1938.**

Roots \$3.00 Plants \$1.00

**Little Nell, Pompon (1939 Galloway-Par-
rella). Pink overlaid orchid, deepening to
purple center. Extra good.**

Roots \$2.00 Plants \$1.00

Our rated catalog of up to date Dahlias free on request.

LIMESTONE GARDENS

F. W. Galloway Washington, Kentucky

JUST DAHLIAS

Big Class of 1939 DEBS

LIST READY SOON

SOCIAL REGISTER DAHLIA GARDENS

1130 Haddon Avenue Camden, New Jersey

Originator's Stock

MRS. C. J. SOWTON, \$2.50 per root

DON SOWTON, \$10.00 per root

Permit from U. S. Dept. of Agriculture for importation required

Nicholas H. Sowton

114 Bennett Street, Hilton, Adelaide, South Australia

News and Notes of the Affiliated Societies

We Welcome New Participating and Affiliated Societies

Since the last BULLETIN appeared we have had the pleasure of welcoming two new branch or participating societies as well as one new affiliated group. The affiliated Society is the San Diego Dahlia Society of San Diego, California. Miss Rose Marie Comstock is the secretary.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky is one of the participating societies. Their headquarters is in Louisville, Kentucky, and Mrs. W. F. Kleinjohn of 726 Barret Avenue is the secretary.

The other participating group is the Kanawha Dahlia Society of Charlestown, West Virginia. Mrs. Alvin McCorkle, 735 Myrtle Avenue, is the secretary. Each of these organizations have sent in a fine lot of participating members, of which we have close to a thousand now. Several other organizations are giving the matter serious consideration and we expect to be able to report on more additions in the near future.

CHAMBERLAIN, the best Dutch Honor Roll

Dahlias and standard varieties are described in our descriptive illustrated catalogue.

Catalogue Free Upon Application!

DE RUYTER BROS.

Special Dahlia and Bulb Growers

OEGSTGEEST

HOLLAND

BOLSA DAHLIA GARDEN

1939 Introductions

PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE—Pink pompon, white eye. First Prize seedling.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH—White pompon, lavender eye.

MARYANN—Small decorative with red shadings.

SNOW WHITE—Small decorative miniature, pure white.

CAROL CHANNING—Apricot miniature cactus—winner of Certificate of Merit, also first prize miniature seedling.

Miniature seed 100, 50c Pompon seed 100, \$1.00
Collarette seed 25c pkg. Catalog sent on request

"THE HAAKES", 197 Oakdale Ave., Mill Valley, Calif.

DAHLIA ROOTS AT INTERESTING PRICES First Class Stock Only

Plan to visit our gardens when you attend the
World's Fair in 1939

QUEENS DAHLIA GARDENS
(William Meshirer, Prop.)

43-55 Robinson St., near 45th Ave., Flushing, N. Y.

Central States Dahlia Society, Inc.

The annual meeting of the Central States Dahlia Society was held on January 8th and the following officers were elected:

Mr. H. J. Bluhm, 4723 Lawn Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois, President. Mr. H. L. Franzen, 1601 South 2nd Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, First Vice-President. Dr. Stanley D. Tylman, 123 South Elizabeth Street, Lombard, Illinois, Second Vice-President. Mr. W. E. Eckebrecht, 509 Fairview Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois, Treasurer. Mr. S. G. Swanson, 10944 South Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Secretary.

The following directors were also elected: Mr. J. L. O'Brien, Mr. F. L. Purrington, Mr. E. T. Clauson, Mr. E. A. Schoenlau.

The dates for our Eighth Annual Show have been set for September 16th and 17th. The Show will again be held in Garfield Park Conservatory and we believe no better place for staging a Flower Show can be found. And equally important Mr. Franzen who has been Show Chairman for the past two seasons will again act in this capacity. The success of our past two Shows has demonstrated his capabilities in this direction and with the experience and knowledge he has gained we are sure of a bigger and better Show for 1939. When planning your Dahlia tour itinerary be sure and include Chicago, September 16th and 17th.

The Dahlia Study Club Outing

By Katherine C. Freeman, Secretary

On the afternoon of September 10, 1938, the members and friends of The Dahlia Study Club of Cleveland, Ohio, in response to a cordial invitation from Mr. George A. Andrews, Vice-President of the Club, gathered at his place to visit his beautiful Dahlia garden and participate in sports in the open spaces adjoining his home.

Mr. Andrews and his daughter, Mrs. Wettrick, welcomed the guests on the lawn in the shadow of the Dahlias, and friendly greetings were mingled with outbursts of admiration over the beauty of the garden.

"Gorgeous," "exquisite," "dainty," "elegant," were just a few of the many exclamations heard as guests moved about among the Dahlias.

Not only in beautiful blooms but in every way did the garden give evidence of the persevering care bestowed upon it.

After a prolonged survey of the garden the guests moved on to other attractions and diversions, but were lured back at intervals to the Dahlias. In fact, at no time during the remainder of the afternoon was this spot entirely deserted.

Other outstanding garden features were the vegetables and the massed flower garden. The little play house constructed by Mr. Wettrick for his little three-year-old daughter Susan, proved to be of great interest to grown-

ups as well.

Emerging from the play house we found ourselves in a little grove where a picnic table was very attractively arranged. Out on the open, near the edge of the grove, was a great stove with a brick chimney all in readiness for the "corn roast" later on.

Having now reached the open spaces sports were naturally in order.

The picnic lunch was a real treat, all the good things being especially appetizing. Later, proceeding to the living room, a social hour followed in which conversation and entertainment, vocal and recitative, mingled.

In this manner the first outing of The Dahlia Study Club was brought to a close. Again expressing sincere appreciation for the genuine hospitality shown them the guests departed for home, carrying with them a memory that will remain bright and cherished through all the frosts and snows to come.

The National Capital Dahlia Society

The National Capital Dahlia Society will hold its Fourth Regional Dahlia Show next September 23rd and 24th in John Burroughs School, 18th and Monroe Streets, N. E. The schedule will be substantially the same as that of last year.

Mr. J. W. Johnston in his article entitled "The Dahlia Futurity," in the December issue of *House Beautiful*, referring to our last year's Show states: "Washington had the most beautiful Show due to their well-planned layout." We are hoping to make our coming Show bigger and even more beautiful. Mr. Frank H. Goetzer has been selected Show Chairman for the third year in succession.

Our Society will hold a banquet the second Saturday in March at the famous Henderson Castle. The charge is \$1.25 a plate. Mr. L. M. Clarke is chairman of the Banquet Committee. Visiting members of the A. D. S. are cordially invited to attend.

In a campaign for new members the Society is offering four Dahlia plants to each new member as well as a plant to each member who obtains a new member. These plants will be delivered at our regular meeting on May 9th at which a talk on growing Dahlia plants is scheduled. The membership committee is planning to furnish personal instruction in the growing of Dahlias to new members who have not raised Dahlias previously.

Henry C. Parker, Secretary.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey was held at Newark, January 14th, Miss Virginia Stout, Vice-President, in the chair. Mr. E. B. Lloyd, chairman of nominating committee, presented the names of the following, who were unanimously elected for 1939:

Honorary President, Mrs. Charles H. Stout, Short Hills; President, Mr. L. L. Pollack, Arlington; First Vice-President, Mrs. Maas, Springfield; Second Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Kemp, Little Silver; Third Vice-

(Continued on following page)

OUR GREEN PLANT and ROOTED CUTTINGS LIST

of nearly 200 varieties, including practically all the best of the 1939 releases is now ready. Our prices will interest you. Get your copy at once.

Salem Dahlia Gardens

Salem

New Jersey

Will release for 1939: Marie C. Worley

Pale orange yellow, tinted old rose. Stems 6¾ to 18 in. Extra heavy. Size of flowers 7-9 in. Scored E 83 at Storrs. **Roots \$2.50**

Mrs. Winifred Kindilien

223 South Water Street, Port Chester, N. Y.

PLANTS A SPECIALTY

Our equipment and facilities for the production of high grade plants are unsurpassed anywhere in the country. We invite comparison and investigation.

PLANTS FOR 1939

LOIS WALCHER, YOUR LUCKY STAR, EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE, HILLSIDE SUNSET, WINSOME, ALICE MAY, MAYOR FRANK OTIS, RITA WELLS, SANTA MONICA, JEAN JOHNSTON, KIMIKAGE, CLAIRE MORTIMER, HILLSIDE GOLD, VIRGINIA RUTE, PINK LASS and others.

ALSO

Roots and plants of highest quality of the leading introductions of other years. Get our **free BLUE BOOK** with full descriptions, illustrations, complete cultural directions and helpful hints.

Wholesale

E. J. WIND

Retail

ROCKY RIVER DAHLIA GARDENS

ROCKY RIVER

OHIO

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES listed in our Free catalog of the Best Foreign introductions, together with the latest prize winning American varieties.

MUNDY'S GARDENS

Growers and Importers of FINE DAHLIAS

Dept. B.

Coldwater, Michigan

SINCE 1920

HONOR ROLL AND CERTIFICATE DAHLIAS

Listing: Rosemary's Beauty, Lois Walcher, Robert Ripley, Greater Glory, Julius Bunge, Mascotte, Katie K., Mrs. C. E. Wildon, Mrs. W. S. Knudsen, Grand Master, Pink Elegance, Freda George, and many others.

Free Descriptive Catalogue Now Ready

ROSEMARY DAHLIA GARDENS

Box 429 B

Martins Ferry, Ohio



CHEROKEE BRAVE

Originators Stock
Of
This Glowing Red
Can Win In Any
Exhibition

Possesses every exhibition quality of a champion
—I.D.—Averages 11" x 6"—Graceful, artistic form
—Color, glowing dark carmine, does not burn or
fade. Long straight stiff stems hold blooms in per-
fect position. Wealth of beautiful foliage. Excel-
lent propagator. Gives you fine exhibition bloom
under most adverse conditions.

ORIGINATED DOWN SOUTH by W. D. RICKS
Where Only the Best Can Survive

ROOTS, \$5.00

PLANTS, \$2.00

GUARANTEED SAFE DELIVERY

WRITE FOR LIST OF OTHER FINE DAHLIAS

Preferred Dahlia Glad Gardens, Inc.
BOX 294 HAPEVILLE, GA.

ROOTS PLANTS CUTTINGS

We are offering the finest of American and European Dahlias, at prices that are most advantageous to you. The very best obtainable in cut flower types, our specialty. See our catalog for Free Offer.

BEDFORD DAHLIA GARDEN

133 West Glendale

Bedford, Ohio

THE BEST
FOR
THE LEAST

BOSTON DAHLIA
GARDENS
Boston 24, Mass.

"GET RESULTS"

SPARKS' DAHLIA GARDENS
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

for Quality
PLANTS and ROOTS

President, Mr. E. L. Gould, Verona; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. M. Faitoute, Short Hills; Fifth Vice-President, Miss Virginia Stout, Short Hills; Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Trenton; Secretary, Miss Frances Hornfeck, Verona. Executive Board: Mr. John L. Grider, Butler; Mr. W. B. Groff, Bridgton; Mr. P. LeBoutillier, Irvington; Mr. F. D. Marker, Upper Montclair; Mrs. D. Meyer, Jersey City; Mr. Dewey Mohr, Rockville Centre, L. I.; Mr. George Swezey, Hillside, and Mrs. H. D. Thomas, Paterson; also past Presidents Dr. C. H. Connors, New Brunswick; Mr. E. B. Lloyd, Verona; Mr. Conrad Frey, Nutley, and Mr. J. W. Johnston, New York City.

After a discussion about the dearth of competent judges of Dahlias for the increasing number of flower Shows each season, Dr. C. H. Connors was appointed chairman of a committee to prepare a plan for training more and better judges. Mrs. H. D. Thomas is chairman of a committee to put on an educational exhibit showing the life cycle of the Dahlia at the New York Flower Show in March, in the Garden Club of New Jersey section.

The feature of the meeting was a very interesting and comprehensive talk by Mr. Lynn Dudley, president of American Dahlia Society, on "The New Dahlias," giving the name, originator or introducer, and characteristics of nearly one hundred of the best Dahlias exhibited or observed in growth last year. He paid a fine tribute to the late Derrill H. Hart, saying he had such a photographic mind that he could catch instantly any mistake in labeling variety or introducer's name, even of varieties several years old, and that he had wonderful ability at evaluating new Dahlias.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Charles Bahr, of Verona, and her committee, and a social hour enjoyed by the large number present from various parts of the state and New York.

Mrs. H. D. Thomas, Publicity.

The Akron Dahlia Society

By F. V. R. Veirs

In December, The Akron Dahlia Society elected Mr. Harold Shannabrook President for the third term. He will soon be in the class with our good friend Bruce Collins. Harold as you all know, is the grower of champion blooms with his *American Legion* and others. Others elected are: Durbin Everhard, First Vice-President; L. R. Davis, Secretary; Warren Shannabrook, Treasurer. Warren has been Treasurer for many years and certainly knows how to balance the budget for this is certainly one Society that has never been in the red. The Assistant Secretary is Mr. Dwight Jennings.

I understand the growers in this vicinity are all getting their roots in the bench and are preparing for another season of grand flowers for the next Show. The same seedlings were shown in Akron that were shown in Cleveland but we neglected to mention Mr. Geer's *Firefly*. It is the most perfect ball Dahlia I have ever seen. Akron had the honor of being the first to judge the great *Lois Walcher*, originated by Mr. Walcher, a member of the Akron Dahlia Society. Six different sets of judges cannot be far wrong and I think "*Lois Walcher* is going to Town."

The next board meeting will be held at Mr. Everhard's home. There we expect to discuss the advisability of having separate classes for bicolors, variegated and what we have termed, the other color class. We do not think *Lois Walcher*, *Autumn Mist* and *La Feista* should be shown in the same class. The Akron Dahlia will in all probability have a separate class for variegated Dahlias for the next Show, and it seems to me a class for bicolors should be in every schedule as it is getting to be very popular. I am told that Lynn Dudley, President of the A. D. S., is partial to the bicolors and to prove it to you he placed *Langeloth* next to *Lois Walcher* in his honor roll, placing *Lois Walcher* first, which we think is as it should be owing to the fact that *Lois Walcher* is the only Dahlia that has ever received six American Home Achievement medals in the seedling class and most of these being shipped.

More seedlings we understand will be grown in this vicinity next year than ever before, so you look out Mr. Easterners and Westerners, too. We expect to be hot on your trail again next September.

Some of our good members have not been attending the meetings recently. Come out, we need all of you.

Report on Dahlias on Parade, 1938 Dahlia Revue Internationale

The sixth, last and final exhibit of small flowering Dahlias, sponsored by the Berlet Dahlia Foundation, in connection with the Annual Dahlia Show of the Central States Dahlia Society, held in Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., September 17, 18, 1938, exceeded all expectations. There were approximately 3,000 or more blooms in over 450 containers staged on a runway or platform eighty feet long with a wide center exhibition space, 5 x 16 feet, pyramided with large float on wheels, and also set back occupying altogether over 360 square feet of space. The Show was beautifully located in a patio facing large fernery with palm background.

R. E. Berlet.

The Haledon Floral Society, Inc., N. J.

At our last regular meeting the following members were all re-elected to their respective offices for 1939:

President, Robert Spiesser, 32 Harris Street, Haledon; Vice-President, Edward Rayat, 338 Belmont Avenue, Haledon; Treasurer, Mrs. S. T. Buser, Terrace Avenue, North Haledon; Financial Secretary, Henry Huebner, 113 North 6th Street, Paterson; Recording Secretary, James A. Malone, 27 Harris Street, Haledon.

Followed by motion pictures taken by one of our members on his trip through the northwest and Canada, Mr. Geo. Lachner, who took these pictures, very kindly and graciously put on the exhibition describing them in a very interesting and entertaining manner. Among the many shots were various gardens in bloom.

James A. Malone, Secretary.



LOIS WALCHER, I. D.

The Outstanding Seedling Winner of All Time

SIX American Home Achievement Medals (a feat never before attained by any Dahlia) won at A. D. S. Show in New York; Mid West Show at Detroit; Akron, Richmond, Madison and Indianapolis.

TWENTY-THREE Blue Ribbons won in seedling competition and against standard varieties in specimen bloom and basket classes.

TWO Certificates of Merit at Trial Ground (\$5 and \$6).

SIX Dahlia authorities on new varieties select it for their "Honor Rolls" as follows:

J. W. Johnston in *House Beautiful*.

Lynn B. Dudley in Eastern Honor Roll of *Flower Grower*.

J. Louis Roberts in Mid West Honor Roll of *Flower Grower*.

George R. Currie in A. D. S. BULLETIN and the *Dahlia Digest*.

Lew Sarett in *Dahlia Digest* and *The Dahlia*.

IT'S A NATURAL!

This remarkable record is the more remarkable because the blooms of *Lois Walcher* shown were about eight inch flowers competing against many ten and twelve inch blooms, of the best varieties that a wide section of the country could offer, and because, all blooms were grown in my garden and shipped air express to the Shows. Also remarkable, because I have had no previous experience as an exhibitor, never having won a "blue" with any other variety. Insure your chances of winning in 1939 by growing *Lois Walcher*.

AN ALL PURPOSE DAHLIA

Lois Walcher is a fine grower in the garden. It blooms early and profusely. The bush is wide-spreading of medium height with rugged dark green insect-resistant foliage. Flowers are carried well above the attractive plants on long, straight, stiff stems. The color is a lively true pansy purple with one-third of each petal tipped a bright, clean white. There is no blending of the two colors, a fault common in many bi-colors. In the garden it arrests the attention of all visitors with its glimmering beauty. In the Show room "it can be seen a mile." No one will ever overlook it in your garden or displays.

Furthermore, it has very definite possibilities as a commercial cut flower. An excellent keeper, it has been in big demand on the Cleveland wholesale cut flower market.

MODERATE PRICED

I am offering this outstanding Dahlia at a price far below that at which its record might command, because: I am an amateur grower, I have a fairly large stock, I want everybody to have the pleasure of growing it, and because I believe the prices of new Dahlias are generally unreasonably high.

Root \$10.00 Plants \$3.50 each or three for \$10.00

RALPH WALCHER

Hathaway Road

Bedford, Ohio

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society elects officers for the year as follows:

President, H. C. Kuhn; First Vice-President, Lewis E. France; Second Vice-President, I. Keller Shank; Secretary, H. K. Ramsburg, 57 Wayside Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Treasurer, Charles W. Zahn. Executive Committee: Walter S. Gibney, Chairman; Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg, Miss Edna Powell, Homer C. Grove, Charles A. Eldridge, Oscar R. Moser, D. A. Gossard.

At the January meeting the Society voted to divide its membership into twelve groups, one for each month of the year, with a volunteer captain for each team. One group will be responsible for the social part of the program each month. We hope in this way to arouse enthusiasm and increase our attendance at our monthly meetings.

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society has had a very profitable year, having added one hundred new members to its rolls. It is with much regret we record the death of one of our oldest and best members, Mr. Frank C. Hargett, owner of the Frederick Dahlia Gardens, Frederick, Maryland.

Preliminary steps have been taken towards the planning of our Eleventh Annual Show to be held in September. (It will be bigger and better.)

H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

Kitsap County Dahlia Society

Bremerton, Washington

Thomas Forhan was elected President; N. S. MacKamey, Vice-President, and Walter G. Miller, Secretary at our recent meeting.

Closely following upon the date of the annual meeting at which Mr. Applegate had declined to accept the office of secretary, he became ill and to the deep sorrow of the members of the Society he passed on December 9, 1938. His had been a loyal and lengthy service to the Society, as until the time of the retirement from office he had been its only secretary, filling the office since the organization of the group to its great advantage and the grateful appreciation of its members.

For more than fifteen years he ably filled the secretary's chair, and there was always this rock to cling to during both the periods of ebb and high tide. We feel great pride in the accomplishments of our Society and its members, which are to a great extent made possible by the unassuming but persistent activity of Mr. Applegate.

Even though he had not grown Dahlias extensively for several years, nor exhibited, he formed the nucleus for the group, even though his advancing years may have made it burdensome at times. He died in his seventy-fourth year, at his home in Port Orchard, Washington, mourned by a large number of friends and acquaintances, which included all of the members of the Kitsap County Dahlia Society.

Walter G. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer.

DAHLIA GROWERS ARE FAST LEARNING THE VALUE OF

ROTOTOX

THE ROTENONE-PENETROL
SPRAY

in combating corn borer and other Dahlia pests. Its instant availability—no fuss or bother in mixing—the right proportion of ROTOTOX and water and the spray is ready for use—no burning of foliage or blooms—no clogging of sprayers—all save Dahlia Growers time—and it is effective.

Learn what ROTOTOX is. Write for literature describing ROTOTOX, its uses, corn borer information and prices. All are yours for the asking. Don't put it off—do it now—and be ready for insects before they arrive.

THE ROTOTOX COMPANY

810 Yale Street

East Williston, N. Y.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The annual meeting of the Baltimore Dahlia Society was held January 13th and at which time the election of officers for 1939 took place. The results were as follows: President, N. A. Gossmann; First Vice-President, Harry Rosenberger; Second Vice-President, Harry J. Quick; Secretary, Herbert O. Aburn; Financial Secretary, George T. Mumma; Treasurer, John C. Mencke, Jr. Board of Governors: C. M. Diffenderffer, W. A. Bochau, George Schirmer, Herman Graf, Jr., N. L. Jean, E. P. Loller, Roy Tracey, N. Scheel and W. L. Warner.

Resolutions were passed expressing the regrets of the membership in the loss of a good member and officer, E. G. Gabrielson, who served for years in the office of Financial Secretary.

Matters of timely interest were discussed and arrangements made to hold our 1939 Show on September 17th and 18th in the 5th Regiment Armory, Baltimore. With our membership increasing and the various committees functioning 100% we look for our Society to do big things in 1939.

The Dahlia Society of Indiana

By H. Joe Letterman, Secretary

The Dahlia Society of Indiana held its first meeting of 1939 January 8th, at Hotel Lincoln, in Indianapolis. After the business session, Mrs. Ralph C. Swartz, presented Dr. W. E. Kennedy, who gave some pointers on photography and showed some very fine pictures he took on his trip along Lake Superior and on his tour in the picturesque northwest country on the Pacific. He then tempted the members with some excellent movies of his fine Dahlias and gardens. The winners of the door and attendance prizes were Dr. Kennedy and Mr. George Brayton.

An extensive membership campaign was launched under the capable supervision of Mrs. C. W. Rush, Rural Route No. 5, Bloomington, Indiana. She outlined the drive and announced that \$100 in Dahlia tubers were to be given as prizes in the membership contest.

The City of Muncie was chosen as the scene of the 1939 Show, with the tentative dates of September 23rd and 24th being set. Mr. James Swallow, 3000 South Elm Street, Muncie, was appointed show director, with Mr. O. A. Guntle, Mr. Raymond Sparks and Mr. Ralph C. Swartz being named as a consultation committee to serve in connection with the Show. This committee is to meet ninety, sixty, and thirty days prior to the state Show and act on any problems that might arise from time to time.

The President, Mr. O. E. Oler, has appointed the following officers and committees for 1939:

Regional Vice-Presidents: N. E., Mrs. James Swallow, Muncie; N. W., Vacant at present; S. E., Fred Crawford, Columbus; S. W., Robert Wenning, Indianapolis. Director of Publicity, H. Joe Letterman, Linton; Show Schedule, Mrs. Raymond Sparks, Mrs. Ralph Swartz and Miss Jennie Tudor. Budget and Audit: N. R. Hemphill, Willard Johns and Harry Kennett. Prizes and Awards: Ralph Swartz, O. A. Guntle and George Washburn.

(Continued on following page)

ALLING'S

All Dahlia Fans who are interested in high class stock at fair prices are requested to send for our catalogue. A fine collection of Pompons, Miniatures and Singles is featured.

C. Louis Alling

251 B, Court Street West Haven, Conn.

DAHLIAS

'CLAIRE MORTIMER'

Greatest Prize Winner and Honor Roll Dahlia

Glorious pink informal decorative

Roots before March 20th delivery \$20.00. Later \$15.00.

Dahlia Seed of Largest and Best Varieties

100 Seeds for \$10.00

ALICE MEUSSDORFFER

487 Hanover Street

San Francisco, California

Introducing for 1939

OHIO ROSE and GOLDEN SPIKE

Send for test of these and other prize winners that won Sweepstakes at the Dahlia Society of Ohio in 1938.

H. H. ROBENS

41 Hall Avenue

Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Announcement

by W. H. WAITE, Eatontown, N. J.

We will introduce in the Spring of 1939 a Dahlia of great value to the grower of cut flowers. This Dahlia is a golden sport of the ever popular **Jersey's Beauty**, called

Kilgore's Golden Beauty

Ever since we originated **Jersey's Beauty** in 1921 we have been trying to get a yellow of the same type, and have made hundreds of crosses, and raised many thousand seedlings, but we never got one that I thought quite good enough to introduce.

This new yellow Dahlia originated as a sport of **Jersey's Beauty** with Charles Kilgore of Winona, West Virginia, who is a good grower of Dahlias himself, and is now thoroughly fixed, and has never reverted to type. We feel that this Dahlia having all the habits of **Jersey's Beauty** will fill a long-felt want, as I do not know of any other yellow variety of quite the same habit and form. The stock is limited and will be sold as potted plants only, at \$5.00 each; a few roots are reserved for export at \$10.00 each.

WAITE'S GARDENS, Inc., Eatontown, N. J.

Also Price List featuring others for the asking

Kilgore's Dahlia Gardens

Winona

West Virginia

Fred Allen — Semi-Cactus —

Here is a dahlia that is well worth growing—a dahlia that you will really like. Bright scarlet red with lighter reverse. A Satan seedling with blooms that will average 12 inches on the best of stems, and an exceptionally good keeper.

Jeanette MacDonald

—Semi-Cactus—This dahlia is appealing to those who really crave for something different. Color a beautiful cherry red, with lighter reverse, on good, strong stems. 10 to 12 inch blooms.

Roots . . . \$10.00 Plants . . . \$3.50

BERWICK DAHLIA GARDENS

Chesley Ave., Hamilton, Baltimore, Md.

Originators of Mother Maytrott, Opal,
Mrs. Herbert O'Connor and Others

CUSTOM GROWN

We prepare PLANTS for leading prize winning Exhibitors at the big Shows

—there is a reason!

Propagating Forty 1939 Introductions

—there is a reason!

QUALITY

—that's the reason!

EXCLUSIVE PURVEYORS

of

EXCLUSIVE DAHLIAS

to

EXCLUSIVE GROWERS

Roots — Plants — Well Rooted Cuttings

Write for YOUR LIST NOW

GORDON F. WAASER

269 S. Grand Ave., Baldwin, L. I., N. Y.

Established over twenty years

Judges: Raymond Sparks, H. C. Gaeth and Dan Forsyth. Exhibitor Contact: George Sherlock, James Swallow, Tony Preston, Dr. Warren and Lovel L. Childers.

The slogan chosen by the membership director for the Society's current membership drive, speaks for itself: "More members, more friends and more Dahlias in 1939."

Judging from the list of Dahlias being offered in the membership drive, someone is going to have quite an addition to his or her garden next year, that is, if they work hard enough. Looks like a lot of people have their eyes on *Lois Walcher*, but only the one who gets the first five new members will win the new bicolor.

Those new catalogs are arriving each day now and we get out the old pencil and paper to see how much can be "appropriated" and still keep the old budget balanced. We always start out and let our eyes and imagination make the long list of the varieties we "must" have next year, then the old pocket book comes along, cutting here and slashing there, so we wad up the paper, throw it in the waste basket, heave a sigh and wish we were a millionaire. Tomorrow, more catalogs.

Western Pennsylvania Branch, A. D. S.

January Meeting, 1939

The first meeting of the new year was held Thursday evening, January 19, 1939, in the Garden Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, being attended by sixty-three members and friends, which was a very fine attendance due to the inclement weather on this date; it certainly was very gratifying to see so many members from distant points in attendance.

The Society voted to hold its SECOND ANNUAL SHOW in the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, September 16th, and Sunday, September 17th, 1939, the promotion and arrangement of the Show being placed in the very capable hands of Carl Hogsett, Harry Leyh, Harman Rapp, Fred Clark and William Gowers.

President Ripper, in announcing his committees for this year, again showed keen judgment in selecting Carl Hogsett of Beaver as Chairman of Program, A. E. Heil of Mt. Oliver as Chairman of Memberships and R. Motznick of Overbrook as Chairman of Finance, advising each chairman to select as many members as they deem necessary to do a good job.

A very fine program of colored movie pictures was then shown, starting with the wild flowers in the spring; the operator took you through the seasons in flowers, fall leaves and many beautiful sights of which Pennsylvania is noted. A surprise was furnished by Harry Leyh of Jeannette, Pennsylvania, who brought a reel of Dahlias grown by the Dahlia lovers of Westmoreland County—these growers certainly do grow exhibition blooms.

It was announced our March 16th meeting would be a dinner to be held in the Y. M. C. A. of Pittsburgh, to accommodate one hundred and twenty persons, assessment to be one dollar per person, including entertainment.

C. W. Luebbe, Secretary.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society

"Mrs. Florence N. Young, widely known in Indiana for her activities in state and city garden clubs died November 2, 1938, in her home, 5734 Guilford Avenue, following an illness of ten weeks. She was Secretary of the Garden Club of Indiana and of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society. She participated frequently in garden shows and coöperated often with garden shows held in connection with the annual Indianapolis Home Complete Exhibits. Mrs. Young was President of the Forest Hills Garden Club and had served as Judge in many yard beautification contests here. In 1934 she had charge of the CWA in Indianapolis during a program for the beautification of the city through the planting of trees, sponsored by the Indianapolis Council of Garden Clubs."

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, in the passing of Mrs. Rex P. Young, faithful and efficient Secretary of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society, we, the members of the organization, feel that we have suffered an irreparable loss, feel that we shall miss her smiling face, modest demeanor and unselfish devotion to the duties of her office and to the welfare of the Society. We feel that her example as an officer and member would be an ideal to strive to emulate. "Of all the flowers that Providence has placed upon this planet, the sweetest and most fragrant flower of all is a true and noble woman." Mrs. Young *was* a true and noble woman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this expression of our feeling be spread permanently upon the minutes of the records of this Society and a like expression be conveyed to the husband of Mrs. Rex P. Young, together with our condolences.

DR. A. E. WHITE,
RAOUL H. AYERS,
MRS. B. F. ORR.

The new officers of the Society elected at a meeting of the Board of Directors November 29, 1938, are as follows: President, Ralph C. Burns; Vice-President, Charles Durnell; Treasurer, Raoul H. Ayers; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. White; Show Manager, Ralph C. Swartz; Publicity Director, Mrs. J. G. McFarland; Propagator, Dr. A. E. White.

Mrs. A. E. White, Secretary.

Indianapolis Show

The Indianapolis Dahlia Society held its Third Annual Dahlia Show and Fall Flowers Festival September 17th-18th at Brookside Park Community House. About 1,200 entries were made.

In the junior section, Miss Harriet Burns won the Templin Bradley medal for sweepstakes; Miss Burns also won for the largest and most perfect bloom, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, and for the most meritorious entry, *Dulcinia*.

In the novice class, Mr. Leo Matthews won sweepstakes, largest and most perfect bloom, *Jane Cowd*, and the most meritorious entry, *Satan*.

In the amateur division residents of Cincinnati, Ohio,

(Continued on following page)

BRAZIL DAHLIA FARM

OUR YEARLY SPECIAL FOR YEAR 1939

"One Collection to a Customer"

To Encourage Interest in Dahlias For a Hobby

Pink Elegance, S.-C.—Pink (1938) introduction
Little Bing, F. D. Min.—Red—1939 introduction
Blue Eyes, Min. Ball—Purple to blue—1939 introduction
Red Sunset, I. D.—Red, 1938 introduction
Mrs. William S. Knudson, I. D.—White, 1938 introduction
White Satan, S.-C.—White sport of Satan
Happiness, F. D.—Strawberry pink
Hilight, I. D.—Red and yellow
Haslerova, I. D.—White and purple, 1937 introduction
Lavender Fort Monmouth, I. D.—Lavender sport of Fort Monmouth
Amelia Earhart, S.-C.—Apricot buff
Pacific Splendor, F. D.—White and lavender, 1937 introduction
California Idol, I. D.—Yellow, large
Queen City, F. D.—Scarlet pink
Sylvia, Min.—Red, 1938 introduction
Jersey White Beauty, F. D.—White, a very good Dahlia
Man O' War, I. D.—Red—a prize Dahlia
Negus, F. D.—Oxblood to black, 1938 introduction
These 18 fine Dahlias for \$12.50

We recommend these for anyone to grow for prize Dahlias, for Shows. You cannot duplicate this collection. If interested order early.

BRAZIL DAHLIA FARM

6300 S. Meridian Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

Your address for the best
EUROPEAN NOVELTIES
is
H. CARLÉE LTD.
HAARLEM, HOLLAND

DAHLIAS

53 years a specialist and originator of Dahlias. Novelty and standard varieties, including an extensive list of pompons. True to label and free from disease. Also perennial plants, shrubs and vines.

Dealers applying for catalogue will please use business stationery or business card.

W. W. WILMORE DAHLIA FARM

Box 382

Denver, Colorado

Mastick

DAHLIAS

7830 A. No. Denver Ave.
Portland, Oregon

Send for new catalogue, to be
issued in January

CALIFORNIA'S FINEST DAHLIA SEED

From the largest planting of Exhibition Dahlias in Southern California with all of the world's best varieties, including a large planting of the patented white, "MARGARET BROOMALL." No

small Dahlias are permitted to bloom during the harvesting of the seed crop. We plant the garden to obtain the best possible crosses and believe there is no finer seed produced.

SEND FOR SEED LIST

20 Seed \$1.00 Net

50 Seed \$2.50 Net

100 Seed \$5.00 Net

OUR 1939 INTRODUCTION

MISS SANTA MONICA

Achievement Medal and Honor Roll Dahlia. A constant winner in 1936, 1937 and 1938, with four firsts in California and Rockville Centre, New York.

A pure white Dahlia of medium size and extra good substance that does not water spot. Straight cactus formation on the best of stems and a free bloomer.

Roots \$10.00

Plants \$3.50

CATALOGUE READY IN JANUARY

STEPHENSON DAHLIA GARDENS

2318 Hill Street

Santa Monica, California

Member National Association Commercial Dahlia Growers

won all the honors, sweepstakes going to Mrs. R. H. Moffet; largest and most perfect bloom to Mr. Charles Erhardt, Jr., *Lord of Autumn*; and most meritorious entry to Mr. A. L. Weller, *Showa*.

The honors in open to all went to Mr. R. C. Swartz, sweepstakes; Dr. W. E. Kennedy, largest and most perfect bloom, *Robert Ripley*, Dr. A. E. White having the most meritorious entry and winning the American Dahlia Society medal.

Mr. R. L. Walcher won the American Home Achievement medal for the most worthy undissemated Dahlia with his variety *Lois Walcher*.

The judges were: Mr. George Fraser, Mr. Charles Erhardt, Jr., Mr. E. R. Heitzman, Mr. M. Y. Thomas, Mr. J. D. Mallin and Mr. Raymond Moffett.

In the garden flowers section, Miss Harriet Burns won sweepstakes and most meritorious entry for juniors; Mrs. B. F. Orr won both in amateur section and Mrs. J. G. McFarland claimed these honors in open to all.

The judges for garden flower were: Mrs. Clarence Hughel, Mr. Arthur Heidenreich and Mr. Hal Thomas.

Mrs. J. G. McFarland, Publicity Director.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society

It is our sincere belief that each and every lover of the Dahlia ought to be a member of the American Dahlia Society. We know that there are thousands of Dahlia

lovers in the United States alone who are not members, many have never been asked to join. All that it takes to get new members is a sincere invitation to join and enjoy these good things with you, a personal invitation is all that is necessary. As has often been said, the BULLETIN alone is worth more than the price of the membership, add to this the good times we had at the Annual Meeting and Dinner on January 21st.

We all know that the amount of good which the American Dahlia Society can do depends on the membership of the Society. The more members the more possibilities. Let's all ask our friends to join.

Final arrangements are completed to have a Show garden exclusively for Dahlias under the guidance and supervision of a committee representing the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, in the lovely Nay Aug Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Possibly it may be in order to say that Scranton is the metropolis of the Anthracite region with a population of close to 150,000 inhabitants and is located among the hills of northeastern Pennsylvania.

The plot secured for Dahlias at the Park was formerly used as a rose garden and is an ideal spot from many angles. It is prominently located close to the Band Stand and Pavilion, near the entrance of the Park and Everhart Museum. It is estimated that during the rose blooming season an average of 12,000 people visit the Park to view the roses weekly.

The city officials through the management of City Park Superintendent H. M. Kerber, have been featuring tulips, roses, iris, and chrysanthemums in the past few

years and this year for the first time will feature Dahlias. The garden is not planned as a "Trial Garden" but as a Show Garden quite similar to the famous Horse-shoe Garden of Dr. Marshall A. Howe at Bronx Park, New York.

The committee in charge is headed by our good friend "Roy" W. Webb, who is working hard, yes, overtime, to make the Anthracite Show Garden one of extreme beauty and one that will attract thousands of people to the one flower that really commands attention. The committee would be pleased if any of the growers would send at least three roots or plants of one variety to place in the Show Garden no later than June 1st.

The following program is to be carried out as nearly as possible: Any grower, commercial or otherwise, is requested to send as many units as he cares to put before the public. Each variety must be plainly marked with either name or number, variety and color, also name and address of the donor. A marker will be placed at each variety giving the public the above information. At the end of the season the stock will be returned to the grower or donor and for this service there will be no charge. It is requested that those wishing to have the opportunity of placing their stock before the public in our Show Garden will please correspond with either Roy W. Webb, Chairman, 1322 Schlager Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania, or with the writer, C. H. Stoeckel, President, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Our Society feels that with an annual Dahlia Show in this locality and the Show Garden at Nay Aug Park, together with our monthly meetings, we are placing the Dahlia where it belongs, *at the head of the list*, and we are also serving our community by beautifying and boosting it.

We are thankful to Mayor Heuster, Public Works Director Shunk, and Superintendent Kerber of Scranton, for their coöperation in granting us a place for our Public Show Garden and may we hope to be able to extend our gratitude and thanks for the part that you will play to help make this our first venture a success so that the Dahlia will receive its full share of recognition in northeastern Pennsylvania.

C. H. Stoeckel.

Ohio Dahlia Society

By F. V. R. Veirs

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: John Strassen, President for the second term; Mr. Cowie, First Vice-President; Mrs. Ludwig, Second Vice-President; F. V. R. Veirs, Third Vice-President; Mr. Robins, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Howels, Secretary; and Mr. Newton, Treasurer.

Mr. Strassen is the well known originator of *Pride of Austinburg* and *Little Miss Muffet*. Both of these are very outstanding. Mr. Cowie was our last year's Show Superintendent and his hobby outside of Dahlias is photographing Dahlias from his own and other gardens in this section. Mrs. Ludwig has been and still is one of our faithful workers and one of the most sincere and delightful women it has ever been my pleasure to know. It is to their beautiful eighteen acre landscaped country estate that we are invited each year for our annual picnic. Mr. Robins, as you all know, is the originator of *Autumn*

(Continued on following page)

New Dahlias for 1939

PREMIER'S "EXQUISITE"—A beautiful I. C. pink cactus, rich in color tone. Certified at Atlanta, Georgia. Very prolific; blooms 7 x 5, good stem and foliage; tall growing. Scored 83 at East Lansing Trial Garden in 1938. Roots \$7.50 Plants \$2.50

PREMIER'S "WINSOME"—The most attractive pink informal decorative since Kathleen Norris and easy to grow, giving massive blooms in great abundance. Will grow to 11 x 6 inches without any forcing. Stems slender but very strong. Heavy foliage that is resistant to insects and mildew. (Write for copies of letters from all who grew this on trial in 1938.) Scored 85.2 at East Lansing Trial Gardens in 1938. Roots \$10.00 Net Plants \$5.00

PREMIER'S MAJESTIC—Profuse bloomer of large deep flowers; color salmon gold and mulberry. Winner as seedling at Irvington, N. J., 1937. Winner at A. D. S. Show, New York 1938. Awarded Certificate at Storrs, Fairmont, W. Va., and Ewing, Ky., 1937, and at East Lansing, Mich., and Berkeley, Calif., 1938. An exceptionally beautiful exhibition informal decorative.

Strong Divisions \$7.50 Plants \$2.50

CATALOGUE ON REQUEST

Premier Dahlia Gardens

63 Mertz Avenue

HILLSIDE

NEW JERSEY

DAHLIAS OF SPECIAL MERIT

GREEN PLANTS

Australian—Mrs. J. C. Sowton, Frieda George, Mary Shinkfield, Villiers Bretonneux, Mrs. B. Ambers, Duke of Windsor.

1939 Introductions—Everybody's Favorite, Glamour, Model 999, Your Lucky Star.

European—Chamberlain, Amy Ballego.

Many Others

List on Request

HANNA DAHLIA GARDENS

34 E. EDSALL AVENUE, PALISADES PARK, N. J.

SUPERIOR DAHLIA GARDENS

WILLIAM NESLER

618 Meadow Street, Roselle, N. J.

Leading Dahlias of Proven Merit

If you are going to plant why not get the best, both domestic and foreign? Our prices will astound you.

May we send you our Price List?

“SAN FRANCISCO”

The New Giant

An enormous shrimp pink decorative—the
1938 sensation on the Pacific Coast

“GERTRUDE LAWRENCE”

A Giant Red Cerise Decorative

Selected by the Actress at the San Francisco
Show to bear her name

American Home Achievement Medal Winner
Dahlia Society of California Gold Medal
Winner

Price of Each \$15.00 NET

Our 18th Annual Catalogue giving illustrations and full descriptions of these and many other of our world famous “GIANT SHOW-ROOM DAHLIAS” is free on request.

BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS

Palo Alto, California

Some of the Outstanding Novelties Described in Our Price List

Andries Moderna	Mad. C. Jussiant
Andries Selecta	Mother Engelhardt
Bagatelle	M. Piere Lunden
Bronze Rayonante	Nagel's Giant
Chamberlain	Nagel's Orange
Dokoupil's Ideal	Peer Gynt
Dominant	Pres. Dr. Edw. Benes
Edelstein	Punctuel
Eminent	Richard Crooks
Enkart's Prima	Scarlet Leader
Figaro	Stuart Ogg
Golden Glory	Verbena
Little Diamond	Yellow Baby

Write for our Price List today and remember that you will get more pleasure out of your hobby if you plant a few cactus varieties for:

Beauty — Grace — and Usefulness

FRANK'S DAHLIA GARDEN

160 Talbot Drive

Bedford, Ohio

IF YOU WANT FINE STOCK

WRITE

“DAN D DAHLIAS”

BALDWIN LONG ISLAND

Mist. This is probably the greatest variegated Dahlia on the market. He is also the originator of *Golden Spike*, a pure yellow semi-cactus that is very good; *Red Sunset*, an informal that several good judges think is one of the best; and *Ohio Rose*, a tri-color. Mrs. Howels is the wife of our past secretary and a grand worker and charming woman. Mr. Newton is our regular Treasurer. I cannot say how long he has held this job, but he has been so successful and such a good worker for the organization that no one else is ever nominated for the position. He was the general Show Chairman for the Mid West Show and was a general Chairman again in 1937. We will give the names of the district chairmen and the chairmen of the various committees at a later date as only a few were appointed at the last meeting.

At the December meeting, useful little gifts were given to each member present and some fun was introduced by a little radio stunt in which the program was constantly interrupted by other programs as when there are three or four stations breaking in at the same time. Mrs. Hatton was Chairman of Entertainment. She also had charge of the annual banquet held at the Old Boarding House in East Cleveland. At this banquet, food was in the greatest abundance and delightfully cooked. Bingo was indulged in after the banquet, and many wonderful prizes were given in roots and vases. Quite a neat sum was derived from the bingo game and turned over to the Treasurer. It seems to me finances are the source of the greatest worries in most Dahlia Societies. It is a wonder to me how any Society can put out a bulletin and carry on activities for a dollar a year.

Cleveland and vicinity is coming into its own as a center for good Dahlias. This year we have *Lois Walcher*, the only winner of six American Home Achievement medals and probably the greatest bicolor ever exhibited; *Hill Side Sunset*, the only Dahlia that I know of winning the American Home, the largest flower in the Show at Cleveland and the best Dahlia grown by a commercial grower at the Mid West; *Emma Walker*, winner of the American Home at Detroit and according to a very good judge who saw it at Storrs two days before the hurricane the best thing he saw at Storrs. He sent a picture taken that day and the bush looked to be eight feet high and the flowers were beautiful. There is also *Ohio Rose*, grown by Mr. Johnson and on his honor roll. Four honor roll Dahlias from the Cleveland vicinity whose originators are all members of our Society is very good.

Our delegates to the Mid West conference held in the latter part of January were instructed to ask to have the Mid West Show in Cleveland next September. We would like to have the Show and if we do get it we invite all the societies in the Mid West to give us a helping hand. Wherever it is held it is still a Mid West Show and every Dahlia Society in the Mid West should and, I am sure, will do their part.

It is with the deepest regret and sorrow that we learn of the death of Mr. Carl Seith. He was not only a member of the Society, but he was an invaluable help to Mrs. Seith in the course of her work as President and during the Mid West Show in Cleveland. We all extend our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Seith and her family. We hope that she will soon feel able to return to her former activities and lend us her assistance as she has done.

LAKE SIDE GARDENS

In addition to our four 1939 Introductions, namely

MODEL 999 (Couch)—The Huge Red Streamlined Satan	Roots \$10.00; Plants \$3.50	DAI WONG (Mack)—The New Giant Informal Yellow, Really Huge	Roots \$10.00; Plants \$3.50
EMESSEE (Roberts)—The Big Autumn Formal Super-Dahlia	Plants Only, \$3.50	BABY SNOOKS (Mack)—The Dainty Yellow Miniature	Roots \$3.00 Net; Plants \$1.50

We offer the following exceptionally fine Dahlias from England

STUART OGG (Stredwick)—Huge Informal Yellow, tipped White	Roots \$5.00; Plants \$1.50	SIR ARTHUR TENNANTS (Stredwick)—Crimson Scarlet Incurved Cactus	Plants Only, \$1.50
SIR STEPHEN TALLENTS (Stredwick)—Lovely Citron Yellow Cactus	Plants Only, \$2.50		

And, from Czechoslovakia

PODPBUKOVNEK LEG. K. VASATKOO (Jones)—It's much easier to grow than to pronounce, a true carmine, white-tipped informal decorative	Roots \$5.00; Plants \$1.50
--	-----------------------------

May we call your attention also, to our previous introductions, many of which have appeared consistently on the show tables

KATIE-K—The Finest Pink Informal Yet Introduced	Roots \$5.00; Plants \$1.50	SYLVIA—The Swell Garnet Miniature you saw so much of	Roots \$1.00; Plants \$5.00
MICHIGAN WHITE—Without a doubt our finest white cut flower	Roots \$5.00; Plants \$1.50	AUTUMN SUNSET—Still winning the ribbons for the most perfect flower	Roots \$3.50; Plants \$1.25
LYNN B. DUDLEY—The Fans still insist it is the best Bi-Color	Roots \$7.50; Plants \$2.50	MISS OAKLAND—A Formal White that is hard to beat	Roots \$3.00; Plants \$1.00

Our Fine Husky Plants, grown in 3-inch pots, are the talk of the Dahlia world, and the KOENIG guarantee is your insurance policy against failure. These Dahlias will really perform, or your money back. Think it over.

CATALOGUE IN FEBRUARY

Your Friend, NICK KOENIG

New Baltimore, Michigan

Missouri Valley Dahlia Society

The Missouri Valley Dahlia Society held their Eighth Annual Dahlia Show in the Kane Building at St. Joseph, Missouri, in September. Due to early frosts in nearby states our exhibits were cut down badly. However, all floor space was taken and the exhibits were splendid.

The A. D. S. medal went to John Weidinger for the largest flower, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Fred Stock received the supreme award with a total of ninety-nine points to his credit. He also won the Kansas City trophy for the best specimen of semi-cactus.

E. J. Wright, Camden Point, Missouri, had a magnificent seedling which won first. The flower was large—foliage—stem and resistance to weather conditions unexcelled. Other winners in the different classes were *California Idol*, *Blue River*, *Golden Goblin*, *Kemp's White Wonder*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Jane Cowl*, *Satan*, *White King*. Miniatures had their place also, and are proving very popular in this locality. While Kansas

City has had plenty of rain in 1938 the rest of the territory has not fared so well, and at the home of the writer little rain has fallen for sixteen months—possibly seven inches in that time.

The Dahlia Society has had several attractive offers for their Show next year and this will be decided on at an early date, as well as the date.

The last meeting of the year for the Missouri Valley Dahlia Society was held Sunday afternoon, November 27th, four miles south of Platte City. This was the annual election of officers and the annual banquet as well. About twenty-five were present, the day was perfect.

Mr. Harry Kurtz was elected President; Mr. Fred Batches, Secretary; Mr. A. L. Childers, First Vice-President; Mr. E. M. Summers, Second Vice-President; Mrs. E. F. Kearney, Treasurer; Mr. J. D. Lemmer automatically becoming director to succeed A. J. Bennett, retiring. Next meeting will be early in the year, when Show dates and other matters will be taken up.

Mrs. E. F. Kearney.

WELL GROWN PLANTS OF

Lois Walcher, Hillside Sunset, Rita Wells, Alice May, Glamour, Winsome, Everybody's Favorite, Emma Walker, Brilliant Lady, Aurora, Your Lucky Star, Burch Foraker, Firefly, Robert Ripley, Greater Glory, Miss Glory, Lord of Autumn, Darcy Sainsbury, Freda George, Sunrays and others.

Bouttlier, Jane Cowl, Jersey Beauty and many others in 10 to 100 lots at very low prices.

F. V. R. VEIRS & SONS

718 Linwood Avenue, S. W.

Canton

Ohio

Your Choice of Any 6 Dahlia Roots \$2.50 Prepaid

Adorable, Adirondack Sunset, Amelia Earhart, A. Benedict, Blue River, California Idol, Cavalcade, City of Cleveland, Forest Fire, Frau O'Bracht, Grand Slam, Golden Standard, Hunt's Velvet Wonder, Jean Trimbee, Jersey's Dainty, Miss Belgium, Mrs. George Boutillier, Olympic Sunset, Palo Alto, Paul Pfitzer, Phantom, Red Jug, Robert Emmett, Sultan of Hillcrest, Tower's Empire, Washington Giant, Wenoka.

Your Choice of Any 6 Dahlia Roots \$5.00 Prepaid

David Copperfield, Echo, Jimmie Foxx, Kemp's Great Eastern, Leland Stanford, Le Joy, Mad River Chief, Miss Ohio, Miss Oakland, Milton J. Cross, Oakleigh Monarch, Pacific Splendor.

Many others at reasonable prices

LAKEWOOD DAHLIA GARDENS

1654 Mars Avenue

Lakewood, Ohio

The best European Dahlia Novelties as well as the leading standard varieties are listed in our illustrated catalogue. Write for it now.

GOEMANS-VISSER

HILLEGOM

HOLLAND

DAHLIA ARISTOCRATS

Recent Introductions — Quality Stock

Prices Reasonable — Price List

GLOVENA GARDENS

780 Targee Street

Concord, S. I., N. Y.

NEW DAHLIAS**MAD. C. JUSSIANT**

Laureat of the best Belgium Novelties 1938

NAGEL'S GIANT, MISS WILRYCK, etc.

Illustrated Catalogue Free on Request

E. NAGELS—DAHLIAHOF

Wilryck-Antwerp (Belgium)

Camden, New Jersey, Show

The Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society held a very good Show this season. Coming after the storm which caused several Shows to be called off, Camden received the best class of seedlings ever shown. Several of the judges said these were the best they had seen all season. Several good flowers in every class. The Show was under the direction of H. O. Alexander, Show Manager. The Show had 139 classes. Judges: Dr. C. H. Connors, Conrad Frey, Stanley Johnson, Bennett K. Matlash, Joseph Nuneviller and Dr. Bruce Preas. Their work was very good. This was the largest and best Show ever held by the Camden Society.

Our annual meeting was held in December. The following are the officers for the coming year: President, Dr. George M. Beringer; Vice-President, George Eldridge; Secretary, Marion K. Moore; Treasurer, Lysle Hamilton. Board of Managers: Dr. Frank Moore, H. O. Alexander, Charles Paist.

Charles H. Allen, Jr., Publicity.

Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society

We enter into our seventh year with a feeling of satisfaction of accomplishments of the past and with confidence of our future. The past has put the Peekskill Society on the map of the Dahlia world, the future has the benefit of experienced growers, a well established organization and a selection of officers that should insure a continuance of progress.

The election of officers at our November meeting resulted in the following selection: President, Dr. R. W. Moe, Peekskill, N. Y.; Vice-President, Theodore E. Waterbury, Peekskill, N. Y.; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert A. Vogel, Peekskill, N. Y.

The Executive Board comprises of the following ex-presidents: Harry D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y.; Edward J. O'Keeffe, Cold Spring, N. Y.; H. Harrington, Buchanan, N. Y.

The annual meeting was held at the Valeria Home, Inc., Club house, Oscawanna, N. Y., on January 10th as guests of the management. The meeting was well attended for the installation of officers and the selection of committees to function during the year. Our new leader is at present sojourning among the West Indies. However, he promised to make up for lost time upon his return in April when the Society needs real leadership in order to pave the way to a successful Show.

Our annual mid winter dinner is scheduled for February 14th. This event is to commemorate the Society's sixth anniversary. A "full measure" attendance is expected at this "get-together" function where the good graces of the flower enthusiast may be obtained via the stomach.

The Annual Flower Show will probably be held on September 15, 1939. The exact date and location is still undecided. Watch for the announcement of this flower exhibition in the May BULLETIN.

Robert A. Vogel, Secretary-Treasurer.

Western Pennsylvania Branch, A. D. S. Second Annual Show

It is with pleasure I can make this announcement through the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN to the Dahlia growers in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio, that our Society has selected the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in which to hold the *Second Annual Show*, Saturday, September 16th, and Sunday, September 17, 1939.

From comments received on our Show held in the beautiful Mirror Ballroom of the Hotel Schenley last year, I feel this Show should be one of the outstanding Dahlia Show of the country in 1939. There is no doubt but that the American Dahlia Society has a great many members in and about the vicinity of western Pennsylvania who do not have the opportunity to exhibit their prize blooms, and to these members I want to extend an invitation to participate in our Show.

Schedules will gladly be furnished to you upon request to C. W. Luebke, Secretary, 1545 Pennock Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Jack Ripper, President.

Friends of O. B. Geer will learn with mingled sadness and joy of the fire which for a time on January 16th threatened to consume the storage rooms.

The popular proprietor of Geneva Dahlia Gardens reports that his loss of several hundred dollars was confined to the greenhouse and boiler room. Repairs were completed in a few days without any interruption in the handling of business.

New York Show September 26th-27th at Park Central Hotel

The 1939 Show will be held in the very beautiful Ball Room of the Park Central Hotel on September 26th-27th. Nearby societies are requested to avoid confliction in arranging their Show dates. Further details will be announced in our May BULLETIN.

FREE TO DAHLIA LOVERS

If you enjoy growing Dahlias, send us a complete list of the varieties that you now have. In return, you will receive free of charge and postpaid, a fine variety not now included in your planting!

We want you to find out, in your own garden, that Kunzman's Dahlias are the most vigorous and dependable on the market. Won't you let us prove it to you—**absolutely free?**

RUTH KUNZMAN, New Albany, Ind.

CHAMPION OF THE YEAR SLEEPY HOLLOW

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % more points than any other variety
House Beautiful Futurity 1938

Watch **Alice May** sweep the white classes in 1939

Cheerio—Medal winning cactus; cut flower supreme

For details see December Bulletin

A card will bring our spring plant special

Cuyahoga Dahlia Gardens Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

CANDLED DAHLIA SEEDS

No Dahlia seeds can be guaranteed fertile, but these seeds are tested over lights, as are eggs, to make as near certain as possible that they will produce plants.

SPECIAL LARGE TYPES

Selected from such fine Dahlias as these:

Alice Stellick Rita Wells Opal Freckles
Man O'War Robert Ripley Le Bontillier
Mrs. Herbert O'Connor Satan Son O'Satan
Washington Giant, Etc.

10 Seeds \$1.00 20 Seeds \$2.00 50 Seeds \$4.50

CACTUS and COMMERCIALS

From such varieties as **Reicharts Masterpiece, Star of Bethlehem, Showa, Nocturne, Etc.**

20 Seeds \$1.00 50 Seeds \$2.00 100 Seeds \$4.00

MINIATURES and POMPONS

1. Miniatures. First Selection, Special Quality 100 Seeds \$1.50
2. Miniatures. Good Quality, from popular varieties 100 Seeds \$1.00
3. Pompoms from popular varieties 100 Seeds \$2.00
4. Singles and Duplex varieties 100 Seeds 75c

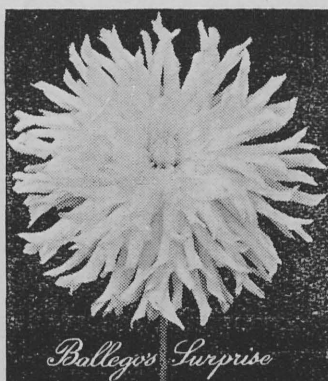
FREE OFFER—A special packet of seed **FREE** with orders of \$2.00 and over

All orders filled promptly — Sent post paid

LYNN B. DUDLEY

18 INTERLAKEN DR.

TUCKAHOE, N. Y.



International Dahlia
introductions

BALLEGO

LEIDEN
HOLLAND

The Dahlia Society of San Leandro

The Dahlia Society of San Leandro held their annual meeting for election of officers for 1939 on Tuesday, January 10th, and the following were unanimously elected:

President, Paul W. Brannon; First Vice-President, N. W. Armstrong; Second Vice-President, A. O. Hanson; Secretary-Treasurer, C. Garrity; Ben L. Moyers, J. F. Groves, A. L. Nashman, T. J. Sjoberg, L. Statler, Mrs. J. Parle and Miss M. Foster were named as the Board of Directors.

It was decided to continue the monthly Whist parties which have been so successful in the past.

The dates for the Annual Show will be fixed at a latter date.

A rising vote of thanks to the retiring President, Ben L. Moyers, was then given and the presiding officer N. W. Armstrong also congratulated him on the great success of the 1938 Show. Mr. Moyers in responding said it had given him great pleasure to have worked with such a group of enthusiasts and he would be only too pleased to do all in his power to make the 1939 Show a bigger success than the last one, and advised that the members get busy right away and make preparations as owing to the publicity given to the World's Fair on Treasure Island the Bay Area will receive a big influx of visitors who will realize that this is a real place to live.

Several names were put forward as members for the coming season and everyone agreed to bring in some new members.

Charles Garrity, Secretary.

Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club

The American Dahlia Society;

To the Officers and Members:

Greetings from the Wellsville, Ohio, Glad-Dahlia Club.

We are sorry we could not be represented at this meeting and enjoy the fine things prepared for Dahlia lovers. We are delighted to be affiliated with the American Dahlia Society and herewith remit our dues for this year.

Enclosed is a bit of verse composed by our Past President, H. P. Patterson, who frequently bursts forth in poetic vein. We trust you enjoy it.

With best wishes for a favorable season, grand Shows, and continued coöperation.

Show date September 23-24, 1939.

Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Secretary.

1939 INTRODUCTIONS

Geneva Surprise, Firefly, Lois Walcher, Pink Splendor, Roseann, Royaletta, Glow of Dawn, K. Red Piolet, K. Yellow Supreme, Twilight, K. Radiant Beauty, Francis K. Hawkins, and the best of other grower's new introductions. Send for our Catalog.

GENEVA DAHLIA GARDENS

Geneva

Ohio

ROCKLEIGH DAHLIA SEEDS

(America's Best)

Have Produced a Long List of
OUTSTANDING INTRODUCTIONS
for 1939

\$4.50 per 100 \$40.00 per 1,000

Rockleigh Dahlia Gardens

7541 Seneca Place La Mesa, California

Agent
B & B Dahlia Gardens, Port Huron, Michigan

HILLCREST DAHL (412) I. D.

Won a Certificate at East Lansing in 1937. Score 85 E. Also was outstanding at the New York Botanical Gardens in 1936.

A beautiful light purple or deep rose shade. Flowering habit good, early. Naturally large. Excellent stems and foliage. Health good. A wonderful color.

Field Grown Roots \$5.00

HILLCREST HOBO (S421) and
LAURA PARKER RICH (A10) will not
be released until 1940.

LAND O' LAKES DAHLIAS

A. H. Rich, Owner

BOX 5014 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

JULIA MACK, F. D.

Mandarin red with gold tips. Large deep blooms on 10 to 12 inch stem. 1937 Achievement Medal Winner. Has won 15 Blue Ribbons in three years.

ROOTS \$7.50

PLANTS \$2.50

VELVETA, Peony Miniature

1939 introduction. Maroon red, shading lighter at tips of petals. Looks like old red velvet. Dark stems and foliage. Bush 4 feet high. Prolific bloomer and fine keeper.

ROOTS \$1.00

FRANKLIN GARDENS

9030 East D Street

Tacoma, Washington

DAHLIAS for EVERY USE

WE ARE LISTING

29 of the 1939 Novelties

which we feel are worthy of your consideration. 22 of these are in J. W. Johnston's Futurity in House Beautiful. Check up our list and see if we have not selected the varieties you want.

Miniatures, pompons, and dwarf varieties are especially adaptable for landscape work, and yet most of them give you cut flowers for exhibiting.

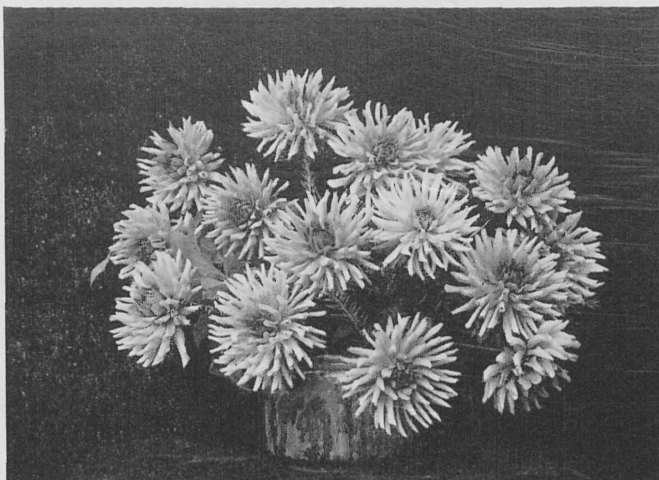
Col. L—Seven Dwarf Dahlia Plants \$3.00
VALUE \$3.50

EASTER GREETING—white, ELSIE—peach red, lemon center, GERTRUDE—yellow, KATE—cardinal, MARIA—white, ROSALIE—violet rose, URSULA—dark red.

Our 1939 catalog lists other special collections with values similar to the following.

Four Wonderful Dahlias

Col. H.	Value \$18.50; Roots \$12.50
Col. K.	Value \$6.75; Plants \$4.50
Cherokee Brave	Limelight
Golden Bounty	Watchung Giant



JULIA S. (Scheel-Dahliadel). 1939. Bloom 4 x 2. Bush 4½ ft. This rather tall growing miniature Cactus has a sturdy bush growth with long stems. The deep rose pink appears to have a golden suffusion at the base of petals. Cert. at Storrs in 1936 and E. Lansing in 1937. A prize winner in Baltimore this season. Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00.

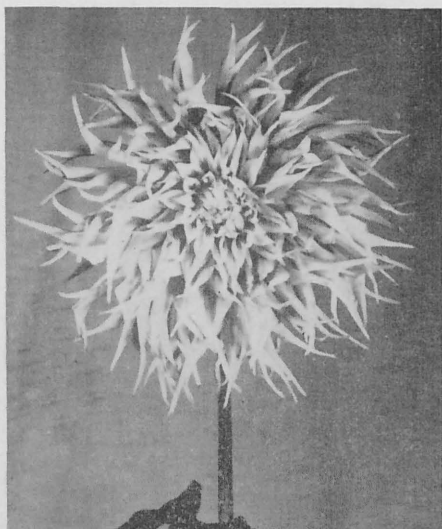
We are listing for the first time a number of varieties in Pot Roots, also Rooted Cuttings for those who know how to handle them. Send for your copy now.

DAHLIADEL NURSERIES

W. W. MAYTROT

Box 14

VINELAND, N. J.



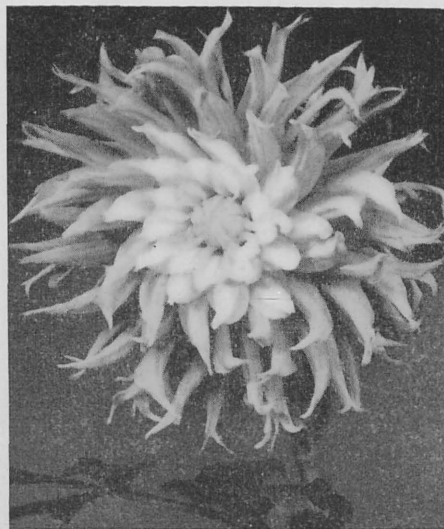
JEAN JOHNSTON

JEAN JOHNSTON. Giant cactus of golden buff. Very full flower. Won achievement medal at Camden Show.

Root \$10.00 NET

ROULETTE, S. C. Fine formation of lavender pink with white center. Achievement medal at Burholme Show.

Root \$10.00 NET



ROULETTE

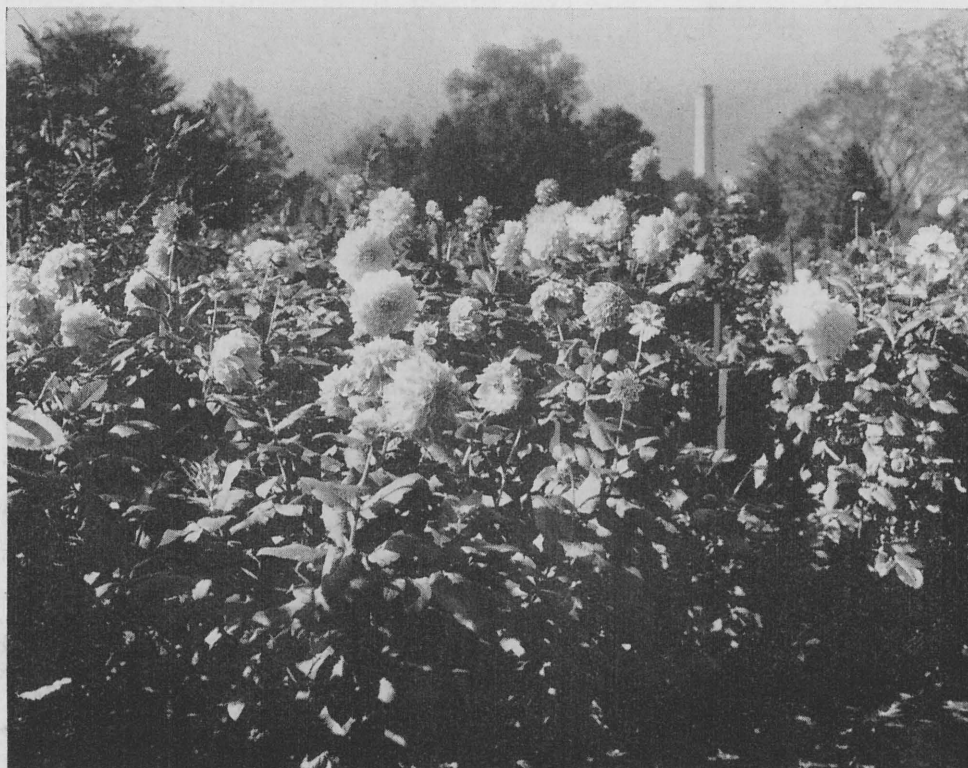
Also BEST NEW FOREIGN DAHLIAS

New Exhibition Pompons and Miniatures

Descriptive Catalog Free

STANLEY JOHNSON

Cheltenham, Pa.



— DAHLIAS —

GIANT, MEDIUM AND SMALL

DAHLIAS THAT BLOOM WELL AND BEAUTIFY

EVERYMAN'S GARDEN

Catalogue Sent by Return Mail

GOLDEN RULE DAHLIA FARM

Harley T. Peck & Sons

DEPT. B

LEBANON, OHIO